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Severn Trent Water 'has failed to install adequate piping'

FAMILY DESPAIR OVER FLOODING

BY NATHAN BRIANT

A FATHER has claimed that his family has had to put their lives on hold as a water company has failed to install adequate piping outside their home.

Tens of thousands of gallons of foul water have had to be pumped out from Ian Bowker's family home and garden at least 10 times after floodgates to prevent water from breaking through onto his property failed.

Mr Bowker says that despite promises, Severn Trent Water has consistently failed to protect his and four other homes in Norton Lane, Great Wyrley.

He claims that a drain's capacity has been insufficient since his family moved there in April 2012.

And in desperation he has had to routinely stack sandbags in front of the gates, which the company installed.

He said he has pleaded with Severn Trent Water to replace the pipe and a manhole outside the home he shares with wife Gaye, aged 46, and daughter Millie, 14.

Appalling

But the water is still liable to gush through the gates, which have had to be replaced three times.

Mr Bowker, 42, said: "If it is raining, we get no sleep. We live in a bungalow, so there is no upstairs.

"They say 'Can you put your things upstairs?'. We can't. There is no life, no quality of life. Severn Trent Water has taken that away from us.

"Every night ,we have to put sandbags out. Every night. In the morning I have to move them to go to work.

"The way they have treated us is just appalling. I'm a contract manager, so I know how things are supposed to be.

"Our life is worrying about flooding from a man made problem. It could be solved by service, thought and interest."

An email shows that Severn Trent Water's chief executive Liv Garfield told Mr Bowker and his wife Gaye that she was 'genuinely sorry for the distress caused and the length of time this has taken to resolve' in July 2016.

However, the problem, which the company has spent £70,000 trying to rectify, remains.

But Mr Bowker said much of that work was involved repairing contractors' work that has been completed over the years. He added: "My neighbours suffer exactly the same as we do. Some are in their seventies and their eighties.

"Some are still waiting for work on the gates to get started. They were promised gates last June."

Ian and Gaye Bowker and the floodgates which are supposed to prevent water from breaking through to their home

Severn Trent Water says it is aware of the problem surrounding flooding in Norton Lane, Great Wyrley

A Severn Trent spokeswoman said: "We're aware of the problem surrounding flooding on Norton Lane, Great Wyrley, and have been working closely with the affected customers to help protect their homes. We've installed flood-resistant doors, self-sealing airbricks and a special valve that will all help reduce the impact of any flooding.

Increase

"In addition to this, we've also installed floodgates on the customer's driveway," the spokeswoman added.

"The majority of this protection work is now complete.

"Going forward, we will be looking to increase the capacity of the sewer pipes in the area.

"As we carry out this work, we will be working closely with Staffordshire County Council, as highway drains contribute to this problem – something that the council is responsible for."

PRISON

Officer badly hurt in attack by inmate

A PRISON officer suffered a fractured skull and a bleed on the brain when he was attacked by an inmate at Oakwood prison.

The officer is in hospital following the 'heinous attack', which happened on Friday. Private security firm G4S, which runs the prison, confirmed that one of its officers was attacked but declined to comment on his injuries.

However, it is understood that the officer's injuries were inflicted when he was punched once as the inmate came out of his cell at unlocking time.

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GOLD

New treasure is found in county

ANOTHER valuable collection of buried treasure has been dug up in Staffordshire – jewellery that could be the oldest Iron Age gold ever found in Britain.

The county is famously home of the Staffordshire Hoard which was uncovered at Hammerwich and is the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found. The latest find was also uncovered by treasure hunters, in Leekfrith in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

The British Museum said the 'unique find is of international importance'. It dates to around 400-250 BC.

BOXING

Show with former champion put back

AN after-dinner show with former world boxing champion Carl Frampton at Cannock's Bar Sport has been put back three weeks.

The Irish super featherweight was due to appear at the venue's Premier Suite lounge today (Thursday) alongside compatriot Steve Collins, himself a former world champion, but the event has now been rescheduled for Thursday, March 23.

Collins, now 52 and retired, will be a big draw for boxing fans after becoming a middleweight world champion and famously defeating Chris Eubank twice.

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My, my, my! Sir Tom sells out in a day

Sir Tom Jones – grand finale

SOME might say that It's Not Unusual – but all 6,000 tickets for pop legend Sir Tom Jones's summer concert at Cannock Chase sold out in one day.

Tickets for the Delilah singer's appearance on July 9 went on sale on Friday and were sold out by Saturday.

His appearance is one of three days of concerts run by the Forestry Commission, as part of its Forest Live series.

Sir Tom will appear at Birches Valley in a grand finale for the annual music weekend.

Indie rockers Elbow have already been announced as playing at the forest venue on Friday, July 7 followed by Eighties icon Rick Astley on the Saturday.

Sir Tom is currently in the limelight for his role as a judge on the TV talent show The Voice and went down a storm at the V Festival two years ago and Lichfield's Beacon Park last year.

The respected singer has had a remarkable career spanning five decades with such timeless hits as It's Not Unusual, Delilah and Help Yourself making him an international superstar.

A Forestry Commission spokesman said: "Tickets for Sir Tom Jones went on sale last week and sold out. Obviously we are really pleased – one, to have someone of that calibre, and also that it's sold out."

He said he was unable to confirm how many tickets have sold for its other concerts – but said that they are 'selling really strongly'.

A waiting list for disappointed Sir Tom fans has now been set up and concert-goers can apply online for unwanted/returned Chase tickets at www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/beeh-ajmhhe

The box office is on 03000 680400 and at www.forestry.gov.uk/music

Tributes to 'shining star' storm victim

TRIBUTES have been paid to 'shining star' Tahnie Martin, the Staffordshire woman killed by falling debris.

The 29-year-old, who worked at the University of Wolverhampton, was with colleagues in the city centre when she was struck by the large piece of wooden roofing which fell from a building during Storm Doris.

Police are investigating who the Dudley Street building belongs to and whether criminal charges could follow. Miss Martin, from Stafford, had been due to start a permanent job with the university as a postgraduate marketing manager this week after working as maternity cover within the Faculty of Arts since August.

Tahnie Martin

Katharine Clough, director of external relations at the university, said: "We feel privileged and honoured to have worked alongside Tahnie in our team. She was one of our shining stars, a talented and creative marketing professional with an enthusiasm and smile which were infectious. Tahnie was extremely popular and will be hugely missed.

"All of our thoughts are with her family and friends at this tragic time."

The Birmingham City University graduate organised a celebration of 50 years of English at the university, which took place less than 24 hours before her death.

Senior English lecturer Dr Aidan Byrne said on Facebook: "Everyone in the English department is shocked and saddened.

"She was irrepressibly optimistic and kind, full of ideas and always enthusiastic."

Two of Miss Martin's colleagues with her when she was struck shortly before midday on Thursday suffered minor injuries and were taken to New Cross Hospital.

The tragedy happened as Miss Martin walked past a Starbucks coffee shop, where shoppers and businesses have laid flowers.

Det Insp Paul Joyce, from West Midlands Police, said: "We are still trying to ascertain who the building belongs to and whether there is any criminal liability."

Wolverhampton City Council and the Health & Safety Executive are assisting with the police investigation.

Trail of destruction left by Doris

A tree lies uprooted in a field near Hednesford

Birches Valley Forest Centre is blocked by a fallen tree

Damage at Birches Valley

Picture: Dean Palmer

Ivy ripped away from the front of a house in Rugeley

THE full scale of the devastation caused by Storm Doris is laid bare in these pictures.

While many areas of the country were left in disarray, data released by a major insurance firm suggests the West Midlands was the most severely affected.

Shocking images from Cannock Chase show how huge trees were uprooted by the winds which peaked at 94mph on Thursday.

Part of the Go Ape adventure course at Birches Valley Forest Centre came tumbling down across one of the main routes used by walkers. Dean Palmer, who has lived at Birches Valley all his life, said he had never witnessed a storm like Doris.

He said: "The noise it created was just immense. It was like I was next to the ocean when I heard it coming through the trees.

"I can honestly say I have never known anything like that in the 29 years I have lived here."

A statement posted by the Forestry Commission on Facebook, said: "Storm Doris has caused significant damage to our trees."

And one homeowner living near Rugeley was shocked to find ivy had been ripped from the front of his property.

Meanwhile, figures released by Co-op Insurance show it received hundreds of additional calls on Thursday following the storm.

Thirty nine per cent of the claims came from the West Midlands, followed by the North West which accounted for 23 per cent and London from where 16 per cent of the calls were made. Jonathan Guy, head of claims at Co-op Insurance, said: "Our priority is to ensure that our customers are safe and secure."

Prison term for owner who stabbed dog to death

A MAN who stabbed his dog to death before dumping it in the bin has been jailed.

Peter Waters put the body of Staffordshire bull terrier Kyzer in a household bin after the attack.

The RSPCA has described it as 'stomach-churning', saying the dog would have been 'terrified'.

Waters, aged 41, of Monks Walk, Gnosall, pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to Kyzer, who he had owned for four months. Stafford Magistrates Court was told that he was heard shouting at the dog on March 12 last year – the day the animal died.

The dog was discovered wrapped in blood-stained bedding inside a bin in Greenside, Yarnfield, near Eccleshall.

Waters was jailed for 23 weeks and disqualified from keeping animals for 20 years. Laura Bryant, of the RSPCA, said: "Kyzer had been stabbed twice through the chest bone, breaking his ribs and puncturing his heart, before being dumped inside a bin, wrapped in his bedding, which was completely soaked in blood.

"On the day it happened, Waters was overheard shouting at Kyzer, who he had only had for four months, but he has not given a reason as to why he did it.

"What Kyzer went through is stomach-churning. We hear of so many incidents of animal cruelty, but this is one of the more violent ones I have ever dealt with. Kyzer would have been terrified and in so much pain he wouldn't have stood a chance."

Crackdown on drunken louts

A CRACKDOWN on drink-fuelled disorder has been launched in Cannock Chase.

Staffordshire Police have started Operation Athena which sees extra patrols on Friday and Saturday nights.

Officers have already been out in Rugeley town centre with positive results.

Chief Inspector Geoff Knight said: "Staff spent Friday and Saturday nights in hotspot locations in Rugeley town centre. They engaged with young people and prevented alcohol induced anti-social behaviour, resulting in reduced reports of incidents along with positive feedback from many of our partners."

Last May there were 306 incidents – the highest number in the last two years – but since then the number has fallen. In January there were 187 reported.

2,600 properties hit by power cut

MORE than 2,600 homes in Cannock Chase were hit by a power cut.

It happened at 1.20pm on Monday and affected homes in the WS12 postcode area, which includes Hednesford and Rawnsley. Most of the properties had their power restored within an hour.

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Exam anger father told to give up web address

A BURNTWOOD father who sued a £25,000-a-year private school after his son left with only one GCSE has been told to hand over a scathing website bearing the institution's name.

Scott Craddock, of Ironstone Road, was livid when his son David left Rocester's Abbotsholme School with the solitary qualification in August 2015. He launched legal proceedings last year and backed up his complaint with a website at an address strikingly similar to that used by the school.

The site – abbotsholmeschool.co.uk – contains a header saying "Scott Craddock Vs Abbotsholme School – £125,000 for ONE GCSE!"

Beneath that the webpage includes a comparison of the school's GCSE results in 2014 and 2015.

The figures claim the numbers of A* and A grades fell while the number of D, E, F and G grades increased, as did B and C results.

But because Mr Craddock used a web address so similar to the school's name and own website address – www.abbotsholme.co.uk – Abbotsholme complained.

An independent expert from internet watchdog Nominet, Patricia Jones, said the domain name should be transferred to the school. "Abbotsholme School has, to my reasonable satisfaction, shown rights in respect of a name or mark which is identical or similar to the domain name," she said. "The school has, to my reasonable satisfaction, shown that the domain name abbotsholmeschool.co.uk is an abusive registration."

Lions club party invite to elderly

HEDNESFORD Centennial Lions Club have again invited all senior citizens from the local community to join them for a tea party celebration.

Following on from the success of previous years' themed tea parties, the group have arranged an afternoon of fun and laughter for March 19 at Staffordshire University Academy from 1.45 to 4pm.

"Please come and join us for another wonderful afternoon with great company and wonderful entertainment," a Lions spokesman said.

"There is no entry cost or charge to attend. All we ask is that you let us know that you are coming by contacting us either via email (smidd1@yahoo.co.uk) or by calling Shaun Middleton on 07973 408036.

Appeal on 750 new homes successful

PLANS for 750 new homes near Lichfield can go ahead after the Government allowed an appeal by developers.

IM Land will build the homes, a primary school, care village, shops and a community centre at Curborough.

Cadets unit launches recruitment drive

The ACF unit is recruiting now

THE Army Cadet Force (ACF) in Rugeley is looking for new recruits following a drop in numbers.

With a proud history of supporting and working with the community, the unit is involved in a number of events throughout the year.

Members can be seen parading through the streets to mark anniversaries such Armed Forces Day and Remembrance Sunday.

"They now need support to keep the unit running to its full potential," county public relations officer 2Lt Simon P Protano said.

"For many recruits that join, it's the opportunity to learn new skills and push themselves to the limit with a range of activities and weekends away, which have included trips to see the Edinburgh Tattoo, Trooping of the Colour and even a six-week visit to Canada.

With many schools in the area no longer being able to support the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the ACF is still very keen promote this great scheme and offer heavily subsidised places to ensure everyone has an opportunity to take part. It now also offers free BTEC qualifications that work alongside the existing training it offers to give the recruits an even better start in life.

"So why not come and speak to one of the friendly instructors at Taylors Lane, Rugeley, which is open on a Monday and Thursday between 7pm and 9pm."

For further details about the Army Cadet Force, email 9398protan@armymail.mod.uk

Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StaffsandWestmidsACF or the Twitter account @Staffs_ACF

Under-fire prison is 'rife with drugs and violence'

FEATHERSTONE prison is rife with drugs and violence with inmates choosing to be locked up alone for months on end as they live in fear, a shock report has revealed.

An unannounced inspection by the prison inspectorate found 'very high' levels of violence and 'widespread' drug use.

Other findings include prisoners' showers in a 'disgraceful condition', inmates struggling to get access to 'basic essentials' including clean sheets and being forced to live in 'dirty' cells with poor ventilation.

Peter Clarke, the chief inspector of prisons, said there had been a 'shocking worsening in standards' at the South Staffordshire jail, situated near the Walsall border, since it was last inspected in 2013. The Ministry of Justice, which runs the prison, described the decline as 'unacceptable'.

The biggest concern raised by Mr Clarke and his team was that of drug use and its links with violence and self-isolation.

Around two-thirds of inmates told inspectors it was easy to get drugs, while more than one-fifth said they had developed a drug problem whilst staying in the prison.

Psychoactive

The inspectors criticised the prison for doing 'too little' to reduce drug supply.

Psychoactive substances, previously known as legal highs, were the key cause of the problem. The report said: "The widespread use of psychoactive substances was a significant threat to the safety of prisoners. The prison wasn't monitoring the extent of the problem and didn't have a strategy or action plan to reduce drug availability."

This problem has led to a considerable increase in violence, the report added, with attacks against staff increasing the most. More than half of the inmates said they had felt unsafe, while levels of violence and intimidation were recorded as 'very high' and 'often related to drugs and debt'. A total of 37 per cent of prisoners said they felt unsafe at the time of the inspection, compared to just 15 per cent during the 2013 inspection.

Some prisoners resorted to self-isolation, asking to be locked up for nearly 24 hours a day. In some instances this lasted for months. Inmates resorted to this as they were 'living in fear' because, in most cases, they had got into debt over drugs.

The food bank's Ruth Crook, left, with Beavers leaders Tracey Hopley and Maxine Smith and some of the young group members

Beavers play part in helping the needy

A BEAVER Scout group helped support people in need in the community to earn their most recent badge.

Members of the Cheslyn Hay Beavers rallied together over several weeks to raise money for the local food bank.

The group of 16 aged between six and eight gathered together various foods including biscuits, tins, cereal and soup to help the charity.

Assistant leader Tracey Hopley, who leads the group with Maxine Smith, was delighted with the children's efforts.

The 48-year-old said: "It was for the My World Challenge badge, which involves getting engaged with the community and helping out.

"It was good for them to understand how the food will help people and where it has gone to.

"Ruth Crook from the food bank came in and spoke to the children. They learned a lot from it."

The Beavers group meet on Wednesday evenings between 6:30pm and 8pm.

Previous activities include trips to Cosford and a pantomime.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Contest to find area's top talent

GREAT Wyrley Carnival's Got Talent competition takes place on Sunday.

Competitors can be any age any talent and must reside in Great Wyrley or Cheslyn Hay, or attend a local school. A group of people, for example dancers or a band, must have one person who resides in the area.

There are prizes of £50, £25 and £15. Entry forms are available from Pauline Kelsey on 01922 414647. Tickets for supporters are £3.

The competition is at Harrisons Sports & Social Club, in Wharwell Lane, Great Wyrley, starting at 6pm.

£200 posts stolen at garden centre

WOODEN posts worth £200 were stolen from a garden centre.

Police are urging the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity after the theft from a field between Shareshill and Cheslyn Hay.

Thieves stole around 30 wooden posts between 1.30am and 2.20pm on Monday last week, from the field near the Hollybush Garden Centre.

Anyone with information about the theft is asked to contact Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident number 596 of February 20 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Illegal tobacco seized at shop

A TOTAL of 2,820 fake or illicit cigarettes and 5.35kg of counterfeit tobacco were seized from a shop in Rugeley.

Staffordshire County Council's trading standards team found cigarettes thought to have been illegally imported from the United States and cartons of Mayfair and Richmond cigarettes believed to be counterfeit.

It is the latest in a series of visits targeting premises supplying illicit and fake tobacco. The raid was supported by Staffordshire Police.

Knowledge put to test in hospice fundraiser

QUIZZERS can put their heads together in aid of St Giles Hospice tomorrow (Friday).

A prize quiz is being held at Hawkins Sports & Social Club, in Coppice Lane, Cheslyn Hay, from 8.30pm.

The entry fee is £10 for teams of up to five players. A raffle will also swell the funds.

Refreshments will be available, including samosas and cobs and a cake sale. Call Georgina Bates on 01922 602520 for more information.

Body found on Chase

A MAN has been found hanged on Cannock Chase. The man, who was has not yet been named, was found in a 'secluded area' on Thursday afternoon. A police spokesperson said: "There appear to be no suspicious circumstances and we are in the process of informing the coroner."

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COUNTY NEWS

15pc increase in temporary posts

TEMPORARY posts in the West Midlands rose by 15 per cent in 2016, according to a study.

Research by the Association of Professional Staffing Companies (APSCo) revealed permanent vacancies also increased, up five per cent year-on-year to January. There was a particular rise in temporary posts in the legal and IT sectors.

Julie Selby, of APSCo, said: "After months of increased optimism across the West Midlands, professional job availability in the temporary market has risen once again."

Mixed results on business rates

THE Black Country Chamber of Commerce says there will be winners and losers when the new business rates revaluations kick in next month.

The region's seven metropolitan borough councils will keep all business rates revenue generated from April 1 when the existing revenue support grant from central government stops.

Overall West Midlands retail rates will go down 11 per cent on average, offices by 16 and industry seven. Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant says the average 3.2 per cent drop in his constituency is good news for traders.

County past will be in spotlight

STAFFORDSHIRE History Day is taking place in Stafford on May 6.

The event at Riverway Centre from 10am to 5pm will feature talks on Stafford MP and playwright Richard Brinsley Sheridan from Dr Robert Jones, and the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Mercia from Dr John Hunt.

There will also be news from the county archives and museums service and updates on research by students of Birmingham and Keele universities. Call 01785 278380 for details.

Justice scheme cuts down on re-offending

A SCHEME tackling anti-social behaviour by young people across the West Midlands has helped 78 people since it started in 2014.

The Restorative Justice programme, run by the West Midlands Safer Travel Partnership, encourages young people to understand and pay back for what they have done, instead of prosecuting them.

Police said just one in 20 young people who have undertaken the programme have offended since.

Flying high on top list

COSFORD'S Royal Air Force Museum has been voted in the top 10 on a list of the UK's best-loved free attractions. The museum came seventh out of 50 destinations. It's the highest-ranked museum on the list, compiled by National Express. Top of the list was the Lake District.

JCB honours 170 long-serving workers

EMPLOYEES with almost 4,000 years of combined service to JCB have been honoured by the company with gifts and a celebration lunch.

The awards were presented to more than 170 employees who were marking 20, 40 and 45-year milestones based on employment which commenced in 1971, 1976 and 1996.

The gifts to the long-serving UK-based employees at two special lunches at the World HQ in Rocester.

JCB chief operating officer Mark Turner said: "Our employees are the reason why JCB is successful. JCB could not have developed around the world without the people the company is honouring for long service."

Among those honoured was Dave Slaney, aged 61, who was one of two employees marking 45 years. Dave, of Uttoxeter, joined the company on August 9, 1971 – when JCB were making just 3,500 machines a year and when Apollo 14 landed on the moon.

Dave, who joined as a cost clerk and now works as a cost accountant, said: "I've said before that I have never wanted to work anywhere else, and that remains true today. I'm still enjoying the job after all these years."

A total of 16 employees were honoured for completing 40 years' service, among them Bev Wallace, 56, of Uttoxeter, who joined as an order processing clerk in 1976. She now works as a shipping administrator, a job she has held for 35 years.

Bev said: "I simply wrote to JCB to ask if there were any jobs. I got asked for an interview for the order processing role and got the job, so I've only ever had one interview. I live locally, and the company looks after us well."

Citizens Advice loses £500,000 in funding

By Carl Jackson

SUPPORT services for some of Staffordshire's most vulnerable people are set to be axed as part of cuts to Citizens Advice worth more than £500,000.

Staffordshire County Council is set to withdraw £510,000 worth of funding which will prompt sweeping changes to the CA from today (Thursday).

But the county council has vowed that it will work with the CA to provide as much of the service as possible without its funding.

Councillor Alan White, care and wellbeing chief, said: "Although we approached partners to see if any additional financial support could be found, unfortunately very little was offered."

The cuts will mean that a specialist service for people with mental health problems, which helped about 500 last year, is to be axed along with a home visit service to help older people with their benefits. A face-to-face service, which helped 1,200 people last year, is set to be scaled down and stopped altogether in some areas.

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And a telephone service used for advice and booking appointments is set to be severely reduced. More than 18,000 people called the CA last year, but in some areas people will have to attend offices instead.

Sue Nicholls, chief executive of Citizens Advice Staffordshire South West which includes Cannock and Stafford, said on behalf of services across Staffordshire: "It is disappointing that the county council funding is being withdrawn. However, we have a number of other funders including district councils, and together with our dedicated staff and volunteers we will continue to provide advice to as many people as possible."

Councillor Alan White, care and wellbeing chief, said added: "As a county council we have to work with the budget we have available and need to prioritise funding for those services which we have a legal duty to provide.

"This has meant making some difficult decisions about the funding of non-statutory services."

Audience tickled to see Ken again

Ken Dodd, in his dressing room, before appearing at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock

SIR Ken Dodd had hundreds of his fans rolling in the aisles as he made his return to Cannock.

The legendary Knotty Ash funnyman, now aged 89 and still known for his marathon shows, performed for three and a half hours at the Prince of Wales Theatre.

He made his first visit there when it first opened three decades ago and has made regular visits since.

The veteran star, who is known for his unruly hair, protruding teeth and 'tickling stick', has entertained crowds around the country for over 60 years.

The theatre's duty manager Sandra Conroy said: "It went fabulously, he got a standing ovation at the end. He warms people's hearts. Everyone just loves him. When you see him getting a standing ovation, it brings a lump to your throat. Last year he came twice and we are hoping to have him again. We have got a waiting list of over 100 people who want to come to the shows."

Sir Ken was one of the most successful British pop acts in the 1960s with hits including Tears, which remains the 19th best-selling single in UK music history. It sold 1.5 million copies.

He performed at the London Palladium for 42 weeks in 1965 and was included in the Guinness Book of Records after he told 1,500 jokes in three and a half hours.

Sir Ken was included in the 2017 New Year Honours for his contribution to entertainment and charity, 30 years after he was appointed an OBE.

Other stars coming to Cannock this year include Gilbert O'Sullivan on March 14, and soul star Ruby Turner appears on Sunday, May 28.

Leader's tributes to 'a true local statesman'

TRIBUTES have been paid to one of Staffordshire's 'true local statesmen', who has died.

Arnold Ward was chairman of Staffordshire County Council for five years from 1977. He was also the councillor for the Lichfield Rural East division from 1964 to 2002 and served as chairman of the council's education committee between 1966 and 1974.

Arnold Ward

The current leader of Staffordshire County Council, Councillor Philip Atkins, said: "I have fond memories of Arnold from the 14 years we served together on the county council, and I was very saddened to hear the news of his death. My thoughts are very much with his family.

"Arnold represented people in the Lichfield Rural East Division and during his time was chairman and a much respected county councillor who served his residents well.

"He was involved in many committees helping to improve the lives of Staffordshire people.

"At his retirement from the county council in 2002 he was our longest-serving member.

"He is without doubt one of our true local statesmen and on his retirement was made an honorary alderman."

Mr Ward, who was also appointed CBE, was appointed honorary alderman at a ceremony in May 2002.

Thefts prompt 'hide keys' alert

MOTORISTS are warned to keep their car keys hidden and secure after a spate of vehicle thefts.

In the latest, a car was stolen from a driveway in Hazelwood Close, Great Wyrley, between 11pm on Sunday and 5am on Monday last week.

Officers say a resident saw a dark saloon, with two men inside, being driven suspiciously up and down Rosewood and Hazelwood Close the previous Thursday afternoon.

Sgt Greg Ikinsof Staffordshire Police said: "In most cases, car keys have been left on view meaning thieves don't have to look very far for them.

"That's why we advise people to keep their car keys hidden or better still, take them with you when you go to bed." Anyone who has any information about the thefts should call 101.

Sappers invited to monthly meeting

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association holds its monthly meeting on Tuesday at 8pm.

All Sappers past and present are welcome to attend the meeting at The Drill Hall in Walsall Road, Bridgtown. For details, contact 01543 423319.

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Number of hate crimes soar in wake of EU vote

REPORTS of hate crime to a Staffordshire support group have more than doubled since the EU referendum.

The increased rate of offences reported to Communities Against Crimes of Hate (CACH) is higher than those to Staffordshire Police.

The force received 237 reports of hate crime from July to September – up six per cent from April -June in the same year – while CACH saw its number of reported hate crimes rise from 390 in July-December 2015 to 850 in the same period after the referendum.

Most of the reports came from Cannock due to CACH's strong partnership with the police and the district council, but the group also covers Stafford and South Staffordshire.

Co-ordinator Anna McLauchlan said: "I think part of the rise is due to the increase of awareness.

"Victims recognise when they are victims of hate crime today.

"I also think some people have seen the referendum as a nod to now be able to express their previously hidden views. We deal with mostly verbal abuse and harassment. Quite a lot of it is local for victims, with it happening close to their homes."

The group was set up by police, but is now run independently.

It receives funding from Staffordshire County Council.

Victim Support director Lucy Hastings said the charity last year supported 16,000 victims of hate crime in England and Wales and confirmed a spike in referrals in the immediate aftermath of the referendum.

Self-help group to celebrate birthday

A BURNTWOOD self-help group for visually impaired people is celebrating its fourth birthday.

Formed four years ago, Burntwood In-Sight Group meets monthly for activities, invited speakers, a chat and the sharing of resources.

Members are to hold a 'meet the group' coffee morning at Chasetown Methodist Church, in Lawnswood Avenue, on Saturday from 10am tp 1pm.

"Previous coffee mornings have been very successful in introducing local visually impaired people to both the group and other resources, as well as raising funds for our activities," group secretary Carol Trigg said.

For more information, call 01543 670822, email carol.trigg@icloud.com or visit burntwoodinsightgroup.co.uk/

Thin Lizzy tribute to take the stage

A THIN LIZZY tribute band will be playing in Cannock next week.

Limehouse Lizzy will be at the Station, in Market Hall Street, on Friday, March 9. The show starts at 8pm, with tickets costing £12.

Rare print expected to sell for up to £10k

Under the hammer – the rare print

A RARE print of a lost masterpiece is expected to fetch up to £10,000 when it goes up for auction in Penkridge.

Cuttlestones' Fine Art Sale will have 933 lots in the catalogue.

Originally due to be a one-day sale, it has been extended and now takes place today (Thursday) and tomorrow.

The print of 'The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem' is of an original work by Royal Academy artist David Roberts (1796-1864).

The Scottish-born artist rose from poverty to become one of the most popular painters of the 19th Century, famed for his depictions of the Holy Land.

The hand-coloured lithograph, taken from the original, is signed in pencil by Roberts and prolific watercolour/lithograph artist Louise Haghe.

The gilt framed and glazed work measures 69x108cm. It depicts the siege and destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans under the command of Titus.

The whereabouts of the original painting, which measured 7x12 ft, are a mystery. It was lost in the 1960s following its sale at Christie's to an Italian art dealer. It was 'apparently sold on' but there is no record of the sale.

Also going under the hammer is a silver castle-topped card case featuring a relief of St Paul's Cathedral, hallmarked 1843 Birmingham, bearing the maker's mark Nathanial Mills.

Those unable to attend can bid live online. Commission and phone bidding options are available on 01785 714905 or email info@cuttlestones.co.uk

Big cats can be kept at farm, say experts

A FARM which keeps lions and tigers looks set to stay put after council officers said vets had raised no 'significant concerns' about animal welfare.

Animal rights protesters tried to break into Streetway Farm in Watling Street in Cannock in January – but Cannock Chase Council has said it is happy with conditions there.

The two lions and two tigers used in Chipperfield's Circus are kept there, in what the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has said are good conditions.

Anthony Beckwith, who co-runs the circus, said: "We are staying here. We had protesters but we have had no problems for a few weeks.

"It's as good as any spot. It's a secure site and it's got grass for the animals. It's ideal for us. There is a slaughterhouse next door, which is ideal for a fresh supply of food."

The circus is co-run with Thomas Chipperfield, who is from the Chipperfield circus dynasty which dates back about 300 years.

An application for a new Dangerous Wild Animals Licence – the third one which will be allocated to the farm – will be heard by Cannock Chase Council today (Thursday).

Concerns

A council report states: "No concerns have been raised over public safety, and the vet has raised no significant concerns around the animal accommodation or other factors relating to the welfare of the animals under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. The vet does mention the benefit of providing additional environmental enrichment and a concern over the length of time animals are allowed out of their sleeping quarters to exercise.

"The applicant has responded positively to these concerns, and by providing a new accommodation wagon and another exercise area for the lions, he has significantly increased both the amount of environmental enrichment and the time and space provided to the animals for exercise."

Cannock Chase Council first gave permission for the farm to open in June 2015.

It recently lost its Sumatran tiger Nadia. She had retired from performing in 2015 and died from natural causes, Mr Beckwith said.

The application was due to expire at the end of last year but because licences remain in force until renewals are determined, the site is still operating legally.

Weekend party for pub send-off

Event organiser Michelle Cowie, front left, and landlady Sue Griffin with regulars at The Ascot Tavern

REGULARS at a popular Cannock pub which will be closed down next week are preparing for a weekend of celebrations to give the place a final farewell.

The Ascot Tavern will shut its doors for good on Thursday, March 9, after being sold to housing developers Globe Homes Ltd.

But before closing, a three-day party with music is being staged.

And after a huge response on Facebook, customer Michelle Cowie is delighted to have three bands on board in as many days.

The 43-year-old said: "I'm quite shocked – I posted on Facebook asking if anyone could help and have had close to 200 shares and well over 100 comments.

"We've got three definite bands playing on the Saturday night and have had all kinds of offers.

"A friend of mine in Brewood has offered to do a rock disco."

The send-off will take place tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and Sunday. So far, three local bands The Playthings, Not Dead Yet and Amongst The People will perform at the pub on Saturday.

Mrs Cowie added: "The Ascot has been my local pub for years and years. We went for a drink recently and I heard that it was being sold so we wanted to make it go out with a bang. The place has got so much history. We just want to give it the send-off it deserves."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire authority sets 1.75pc tax increase

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Authority has agreed to increase its council tax precept by 1.75 per cent from April.

It will mean residents living in Band D properties pay 2.4p more per week – an annual contribution to the fire and rescue service of £71.56.

Councillor Stephen Sweeney, chairman of the authority, said: "We continue to be a low-cost authority in terms of per head of the population, while maintaining our position as one of the best performing fire and rescue services in the country."

Firm's backing for children's charity

A CANNOCK-BASED charity has got the backing of a company in the town.

Newlife, which has its headquarters in Hemlock Way, provides specialist equipment for children with disabilities and terminal illnesses.

It has supported 960 babies, children and young people in Staffordshire with equipment worth a total of more than £1,050,000 – and now Cannock-based Briggs Equipment has made Newlife its charity of the year.

Newlife's Chris Fielding said: "Every penny they donate will be spent on specialist equipment."

New jobs as Co-op launches Subway

THE Midcounties Co-operative Food has created 16 new jobs after opening a Subway outlet at its Norton Canes store following a £200,000 investment.

The store, in Brownhills Road, has been renovated with a modern new look to showcase the products it offers, including a Best of Our Counties range that supports 16 local suppliers.

As a result of the investment, the store has doubled its number of employees.

Charity looking for purr-fect volunteer

THE Cannock branch of Cats Protection is hoping to find someone who can spare a few hours a month to oversee its finances.

Ongoing support and training materials will be provided and, although desirable, no financial experience is necessary. Regional development manager Rob Hall said: "We are sure whoever takes on the role will find it incredibly rewarding."

Anyone interested in the treasurer role can call 080800 191919.

Making for Manifold

CHASE Ramblers's walk this Sunday is an eight-mile moderate/strenuous route in the Manifold Valley. The meeting point is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for an 8.30am prompt departure. For further details contact Heather on 07725 676108. New walkers welcome.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

OK, so for cinematic just ready very boring

THE BBC's latest big-budget costume drama has attracted some controversy, with viewers reportedly switching off after 10 minutes because they could not understand the mumbling characters.

Well, I managed half an hour before switching off because it was very dull.

Perhaps I should have paid more attention to the previews, where the words "CGI" and "cinematic" seemed to figure heavily. I do wonder whether these words are a secret industry code for "very boring".

Whenever a programme or film is promoted on the basis of its computer-generated imagery, or CGI, it always seems to be far more about showing off the technical prowess than coming up with an entertaining story.

And cinematic just seems to be a euphemism for extremely slow. Endless shots of folk just standing around looking broody, or exchanging knowing glances at one another. Not actually doing anything, just looking like they might.

We can only speculate on what life might have been like in a Nazi-occupied Britain, but I really doubt it would have led to a notable increase in people going around glaring at one another, or moodily dragging on cigarettes in doorways before petulantly throwing the butt away.

The bloke I really blame for all this is Inspector Morse. Before he came along, detective dramas were slick, tightly edited, fast-paced and – exciting. Then when he came along it was all street scenes, random students walking about or riding bikes, with a bit of crime in between.

Maybe next time, somebody could come up with a drama that is a little bit less "cinematic", but a bit more entertaining?

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A UNIVERSITY in Budapest has carried out research into people aged 18 to 24, and concluded that separating them for any length of time from their mobile phones resulted in symptoms akin to post-traumatic stress disorder.

Yep, you've read that right. There is a section of society which finds a few hours without being able to check their credit score or stare at a cute cat video as harmful to them as others do enduring some of the most unimaginable hardships in the battlefield.

The study found that three-quarters of those who took part showed signs of stress, including fidgeting and scratching. Of course, it would be wrong to tar all young people with the same brush, and we must remember how many of this generation have served their country with courage and dignity in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But the fact that millions are so attached to their electronic comfort blanket that they can't bear to separated for a few hours is terrifying. Let's hope we never need to call them up for another war.

No Mr Blair, this time people did know how to vote

Lucy Brown who was asked for a cash donation after an uninspiring date

Tony Blair is calling for people to now change their mind over Brexit

Lord Newby says some peers do not have the 'stomach' to delay Brexit legislation

Thanks for advice Tony, now shove it

THIS is what His Serene Magnificence Tony Blair says about Britain voting to leave the EU: "The people voted without knowledge of the true terms of Brexit. As these terms become clear, it is their right to change their mind." Now, apply those same words to the 1975 referendum when Britain voted to stay in the Common Market. Back then, we certainly voted without knowledge of the true terms. We thought we were joining a free-trade area but were gradually swallowed into an undemocratic and unaccountable superstate. We had the right to change our mind and in last year's referendum we did so. The difference between the 1975 and 2016 referendums is that in 1975 we had no idea what the EU would become. Now we know exactly what it's about. So thanks for the advice, Tony, now shove off. Aren't you supposed to be bringing peace to the Middle East or something?

LORD Newby says some peers do not have the 'stomach' to delay the Government's Brexit legislation. Stomach? I suspect what's missing is a little lower in the anatomy. The House of Lords knows that if it frustrates the will of the people, then the people might start asking why we need 850 Lords in the first place. Might things be greatly improved by having 100, 50, or none at all?

A READER says he likes the term "de-extincting," as applied to woolly mammoths, and wonders what other things might be de-extincted. He suggests good manners, respect for elders and Beer at Home means Davenports. Any other suggestions for the de-extinction list?

INCIDENTALLY, good luck with de-extincting respect for elders. The snag is that it has probably never existed. Who was it who said: "The children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise"? It was Socrates, writing about 2,500 years ago. No change there.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THINGS to do on a rainy day. The Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford has a folklore exhibition featuring "a collection of objects highlighting folk traditions of Oxfordshire including a Morris dancer's outfit, whit horns, lighting appliances and a lace maker's dick pot."

A READER asks whether I have any strong views of the Church of England's latest furore over same-sex marriages. Not really. It is hard to get worked up about the opinions of people who believe, without any evidence, that some benevolent sky-god is watching over us. I don't really care what superstitious people think about God, the Devil and heaven and hell, so why should I fret about their views on genitalia? As far as we can tell, the Church of England is morphing into a social club for people who just want to be sweet to each other, with none of that nasty, old-fashioned stuff about sin. More than 20 years ago I forecast the creation of the Church of Jesus Christ The Really Nice Bloke. I am sure it has a great future.

AN Appeal Court ruling this week suggests the law may soon permit civil partnerships, currently restricted to same-sex couples, for heterosexual couples, too. But could the whole process be overtaken by the astonishing rise of gender rights? There is growing pressure for people to be able to "self-identify" their gender. Lawmakers in California have proposed a "non-binary" choice for people who wish to be neither male nor female on official documents including birth certificates and driving licences. In a world where people can be any gender they choose, or none, any couple could qualify for a civil partnership simply by claiming to be the same sex.

MEANWHILE, one US university already offers a choice of six gender identities for new students: male, female, trans male/trans man, trans female/trans woman, gender queer/gender non-conforming and "different identity". Confused? It has hardly started. An online guide offers no fewer than 81 definitions of sexual possibilities and gender-identity issues. Something for everyone?

THANKS for your continuing accounts of truly awful first dates. A reader tells me of an over-confident lad who took his girlfriend on a hot-air balloon flight and romantically proposed to her at 2,000 feet. She turned him down. They were stuck in that balloon basket for the next 45 minutes with the pilot and by the time it landed the mood on board was positively polar. Moral: always plan your escape route.

LUCY Brown, a London-based clothes designer, had an uninspiring date through an online dating agency. She decided to let the man down gently with a text explaining she was not interested in a second meeting. She was astonished when the 'normal and sweet' man replied saying he was devastated and asking for 'a contribution for the drinks I spent on you'. She sent him £42.50 and made an equal donation to a donkey sanctuary. And they say romance is dead.

A READER writes: "I purchased a hanging basket of spring flowers this weekend. The instructions say: Keep out of draughts."

TALKING POINT

Don't judge people by the way they look

I HAVE never really been a follower of fashion, as people who know me will testify. I wear what I feel comfortable in and cannot see the point of paying £50 for shoes or trousers when pairs for £10 or £20 do the same job, particularly as we are meant to be living in times of austerity.

That does not mean I don't care about my appearance. And, of course I have no problem with people wishing to pay over the odds if that's what they want. That's their prerogative, and if they can afford it, why not?

But remember, a trend is just that. Weeks/months down the line, everyone will be wearing something different.

Take holey jeans, for example. What are those all about? During a weekend away, I saw hordes of youngsters wearing these.

It was ironic there was a town nearby called Patcham – the sort of thing my mum would have done if I had worn holey jeans!

While on the same break I was served in one shop by a girl with hair of so many colours she looked like she had bathed in a vat of Skittles – and could have been the inspiration for a McFly hit. And she had so many facial piercings it was like talking to a pin cushion.

But joking aside (and I really am) it is these kind of attitudes and prejudices we need to stamp out.

So often we hear of girls pressured into being a certain size, or bullies hiding behind social media anonymity, all because their targets have different looks or tastes or beliefs to that of their own.

The shop girl I encountered was most helpful and pleasant, as one would expect.

Isn't it time we looked beyond people's appearances, be it tattoos, dress sense, size or whatever it may be? Let them be comfortable in their own skin. The old adages of 'each to their own' and 'leave people be' spring to mind.

We cannot expect everyone to look or dress identically, follow the same football teams or be fans of the same kind of music, television programme or comedian, for example. Variety is the spice of life, they say, and the world is richer for it.

Some people like, and are even turned on by, body art, for instance. And, while that may be not be my cup of tea, it does not mean I would have any less time for anyone with a scorpion inked on their back or some obscure Hebrew inscription on their arm.

Employers take note. I'm sure many job opportunities go begging because a candidate does not look the part, or has gaping holes in their ear lobes. It doesn't necessarily mean they cannot do the jobs.

Don't be intimidated or put off by these people, they are human beings after all. Oh, and they have feelings too.

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Work at full throttle as JLR takes shape

Before work began on the JLR engine factory on the i54 site

By last summer work on the extension was well under way

The completed factory in 2015, before plans to double its size

Today: The engine factory, almost complete

THESE dramatic images show the huge expanse of the almost completed Jaguar Land Rover engine factory on the i54 site, *writes Simon Penfold*.

Stretching from the M54 to Wobaston Road, the vast plant now extends to about two million sq ft – equivalent to nearly 30 football pitches – and represents an investment by the car maker of £1 billion over the last five years.

The original target of employing around 1,400 people at the car plant will be reached this year, but the expansion of the factory – doubling its size – will add hundreds to that total.

It represents the biggest industrial development ever seen in the Black Country, straddling the border of Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire, and has transformed the brownfield wasteland into the thriving i54 business park, attracting a string of companies to build landmark new headquarters there.

Councillor Roger Lawrence, leader of Wolverhampton City Council, said: "With its continuing investment and commitment, Jaguar Land Rover has taken a huge vote of confidence in local communities, local people and their skills, creating jobs and improving prosperity.

"The benefits of this investment are wide reaching – from supply chain businesses to educational programmes that inspire a new generation.

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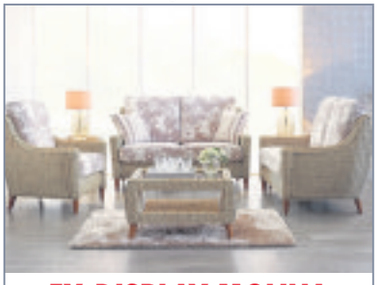

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Shambolic way to run a council

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council recently accidentally released personal details of children in their care.

This is unbelievable and unacceptable. Children in care are amongst the most vulnerable in our society and to have their personal information released is dangerous. How on Earth could it happen?

There are hundreds of children in care. I expect that the investigation that has been launched will highlight the reason that it happened and that the results will be made public.

This just shows how shambolic the way our county council is run.

We all make mistakes but this is more than a training issue.

The safety of these vulnerable children is paramount, and there should be no way that the confidentiality of their records should have been breached. What a dangerous shambles.

GEORGE ADAMSON
County councillor

Gaps in Street lead to hedgehog survival

WE were saddened, though not surprised, to hear that fewer gardeners are spotting hedgehogs.

We have long known hedgehog numbers are in decline.

Since the turn of the century, numbers have dropped by around a third in urban areas and a half in rural ones. A major factor in their decline is loss and fragmentation of habitat.

We at the British Hedgehog Preservation Society have joined with the People's Trust for Endangered Species on a project called Hedgehog Street. We ask people to create 13cm square gaps in the bottom of their boundary fences and walls to join up habitat.

To find out more, visit www.hedgehogstreet.org

FAY VASS
Chief executive

Churches are doing a lot for homeless

I WOULD like to reply to Chris Seal, who referred to the homeless issues around Cannock and asked if the churches could do anything about it (Letters, February 9):

1 The Cannock Chase Food Bank does an outstanding job of feeding those who are hungry including many who are homeless. This was set up by Cannock Churches. There are also soup kitchens and lunch clubs in several churches.

2 The Cannock Chase Churches Housing Coalition (CCCHC) operates out of the council offices helping to get people into rented accommodation thus stopping them (in many cases) from becoming homeless. Our AGM is on Saturday at 10.30am at Bethany Baptist Church, Chadsmoor.

3 The Cannock Chase Advice Centre has operated for many years giving advice free of charge. Again, many of those involved with this come from our churches.

4 Four years ago, there was a concerted effort by Cannock Churches and other well wishers to get a night shelter set up in Cannock. This was blocked by the powers that be.

5 There has been a night shelter during these winter months set up by the Churches of Wolverhampton who have accepted people from Cannock and elsewhere.

I hope this helps us to see that the churches are actually doing quite a lot to help.

REV STEPHEN G JACKSON
Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, Chadsmoor

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PAT WILLIAMS
Chairman/Collections Secretary

Totally out of touch with reality

DOES this government really care? My view is that when confronted with reliable professional evidence, it is in complete denial and completely out of touch with reality.

It is a disgraceful act to imply the elderly and infirm are mainly responsible for the present pressures whilst dismissing the fact that 30 per cent of patients unnecessarily attend hospital A&E units when they could see a pharmacist or GP.

They conveniently fail to admit to the lack of care resources and funding in the community and the impact caused by health tourism.

Being of a certain age, and also being a long-term carer, I see little compassion, caring or understanding from this newly formed government and can only reflect on a different set of values which I was fortunate enough to have inherited from my parents during my formative years.

D H FARLEY
Penkridge

Robots would make much better drivers

THE talk about electric robot-driven cars is interesting. Thinking about the future, the effect on road safety would be very good as robots do not use mobile phones, or get drunk or hit other vehicles.

Insurance companies would suffer as mainly fire and theft would be required and accidents would be rare. No more charging the earth for young drivers.

The police with their speed cameras will not be needed. Would you need to pass a driving test?

The police do not class burglary as a serious crime for some reason. Perhaps they would start catching burglars.

From the Government's point of view, they would have to think of new things to tax to replace petrol and diesel tax. There might be a tax on electricity.

BARRY SMITH
Great Wyrley

Both poll results were what the party needed

THE election results in Stoke-on-Trent and Copeland were good for Labour.

In Stoke, working class people like me couldn't vote to the right and stuck to their principles.

In Copeland, they gave Labour the bloody nose they need. There are still enough good MPs in Labour to get them back into contention.

The problem is that they have been pushed to the backbenches by Corbyn.

Labour need to wake up to the fact that the Michael Foot style of politics no longer washes in this world.

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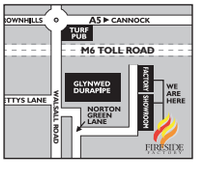

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Pavement fees plan is path to ruin – traders

TRADERS have hit out at Cannock Chase Council over plans to introduce annual fees for pavement advertising boards and seating.

The council wants to adopt a policy which would see it license the use of public areas in town centres.

The plan, which is currently the subject of a consultation, would mean that firms would have to apply for annual licences for A-boards outside their businesses, and cafes would have to get licences for the placement of outdoor seating in public areas.

The council said one of the reasons it is being introduced is to ensure the free passage for people with impaired vision or mobility difficulties but Stef Cunningham, owner of The Kitchen Cupboard in Hednesford and chairman of Hednesford Traders Association, said the move could damage business.

Stef Cunningham, owner of The Kitchen Cupboard – 'the whole idea is just wrong'

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"I have been given photos going back a 100 years by my customers showing my shop and many others in Market Street displaying their wares outside on the pavement," she said.

"Now the district council want to introduce a licence so that we can continue to do so.

"I'm the first to state that we live in different times – busier streets with speeding mobility scooters – but displaying produce on a table or a trolley outside of a place of business is something that has been going on since time began.

"The whole idea is just wrong and clearly has nothing to do with the objectives stated in the draft and everything to do with the financial crisis that the council find themselves in.

"With the added threat of the reintroduction of business rates for small businesses, this will be the final straw for some businesses, maybe even my own."

Sean O'Meara, senior licensing officer at the council, responded to Ms Cunningham, saying he did not know what the cost of the licences would be yet. He said: "We will need to read and assess the consultation responses before any formal decisions are made.

"Because of that, we are trying to encourage responses from as many individuals, agencies and organisations as possible. Any resulting fee structure will be formulated on a cost recovery basis only. This is not a revenue generating exercise.

"Our focus is on the safety and comfort of the public.

"A potential impact on the traders is acknowledged and will be fully assessed after the consultation period closes," Mr O'Meara added.

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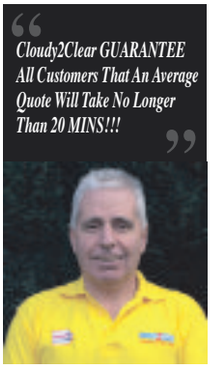

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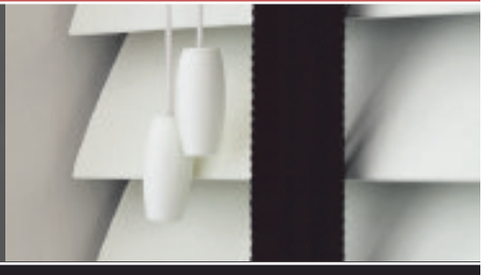

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Dan heading Nowhere fast

Dan Baird & Homemade Sin will be playing at the Middle Of Nowhere Festival

THE line-up for a Staffordshire blues, rock and country event has been announced.

The Middle of Nowhere Festival takes place at Lower Drayton Farm, near Penkridge, from Friday to Sunday, July 28 to 30.

Acts on the Friday include The Taskers, and Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers tribute act Too Petty. Headliners are Fleetwood Mac tribute band Fleetwood Bac.

Saturday's line-up features Brit Awards 'Next Big Thing' winners Jump the Shark, country band The Angels with Dirty Faces, and The Goat Roper Rodeo Band. Tribute acts include Black Rose (Thin Lizzy) and The Zeppelin 3.

The Sunday line-up features Dan Baird & Homemade Sin featuring frontman Dan Baird, an original member of The Georgia Satellites, joined by fellow ex-Satellite Mauro Magellan on drums, ex-Bonafide bassist Micke Björk, and guitarist Warner E Hodges, a founder member of Jason & The Scorchers.

Also entertaining the crowds that day will be Birmingham piano blues artist Jake Henry, The Runawayz, and Smashed.

Very revealing!

THE long-awaited announcement of the line-up for this year's V Festival was revealed this week – with P!nk and Jay Z the surprise big headliners.

Rumours had been rife for weeks ahead of the announcement with the smart money seemingly on Ed Sheeran as the likely big draw, writes Diane Davies.

Meanwhile Drake, Kaiser Chiefs, Mumford and Sons and Mary J Blige had also been touted as possible headliners by the music press.

Elaborate

Both Jay Z and P!nk have been fairly low profile in recent years musically. Raunchy American singer P!nk has not had a solo album out since 2012 and not toured since 2013-14. It is 10 years since since P!nk made her debut V appearance. Festival promoters say the 'pop icon will be entertaining the crowd with her elaborate stagecraft and choreography'.

With more than 100 million records sold and a 20-year career, Jay Z is one of the best-selling musicians of all time. Although the US rapper is almost better known as Mr Beyonce for young music fans having not had a solo album out for almost four years. The 47-year-old has not toured since 2013-14.

Rapper Jay Z who will be headlining this year's festival

P!nk performs at Birmingham's LG Arena on her last tour

He and wife Beyonce recently announced that she is pregnant with twins but have not revealed her due date – though it is rumoured to be around the beginning of August.

The V Festival takes place at Weston Park and Hylands Park, Chelmsford, on August 19 and 20. Having gained a reputation in recent years as a festival focusing on the 'teen scene' – last year's headliners were Justin Bieber and Rihanna – there are a number of acts which will satisfy the usual crowd.

'Godfather of garage' Craig David, Jason Derulo, Jess Glynne, local lads The Vamps, Sean Paul, Dizzee Rascal, Clean Bandit, James Arthur and rising sensation Stormzy have all been announced this week.

Ellie Goulding will be making her fifth V appearance and there is a return for Rudimental. Scouting for Girls and Busted tick the 'guitar band' box while Madness always provide a lively show.

Tickets for V go on general sale at 9am on Friday. A weekend ticket will cost £175 plus fees.

● What do you think of the line-up? Email us at wolverhampton.chronicles@expressandstar.co.uk or write to Chronicle Editorial, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

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Town and characters in spotlight

Landor Society

All change as Pam takes the insignia

HEDNESFORD buildings and its characters was the subject of the talk by Anthony Hunt in February.

Until the coming of the railways in 1858 and the growth of mining in the area, Hednesford was a relatively small village which centred at the Cross Keys Inn.

John and Sarah Massey were the first owners and they ran a stables, and trained race horses.

The inn underwent renovation during the 30s and 40s when some of its best features were removed and underneath the floorboards were feathers indicating that cockfighting had taken place in the past.

Anglesey House was built in 1831 for Edmund Peel, brother to Prime Minister Robert Peel. The building has not changed much over the years and is now Grade I listed. After many occupants and, being turned into a hotel, it is now a Wetherspoons pub.

The oldest building in Hednesford is Chase Farm which dates back to 1660. It was eventually taken over by horse trainers and then became a farm.

One of the amusing personalities was John Wright from Rugeley who is known to have held races between men and horses. Although a drinker himself he would lecture people on the "evils of drink".

Anthony has written a book entitled A History of Hednesford and Surrounding Villages which examines the town from its earliest times.

New and old chairman Pam Clarke and Joyce Cox

Cannock and District Ladies

OUTGOING Chairman Joyce Cox hosted the AGM at the Chase Golf and Country Club, Pottal Pool. She thanked all the officers who had helped ensure she had a successful and enjoyable year of office; despite a difficult start when she broke her wrist.

Members had enjoyed a variety of speakers, trips and holidays during the year, and were looking forward to a similarly varied programme planned by the new chairman Pam Clarke who was welcomed in to office with a change of insignia.

Pam, who lives in Shrewsbury, assured members of her commitment, and related to her previous stint as chairman in 2003 hoping that her past experience would prove useful. Pam welcomed the new officers Clare Whitehouse as secretary and Jill Gooch as treasurer. Sheila Burrows will be vice-president.

Meetings for Cannock and District Ladies Probus are held on the first Thursday of each month at The Chase Golf.

The Annual Dinner is May 4 when the speaker will be Town Crier Ken Knowles.

Bargain buys at silent auction

Hednesford 'A' TG

AT the February Guild meeting members brought their unwanted gifts to make a silent auction a great success. Everyone enjoyed the auction and went home with many bargains.

The money raised goes to the coach fund to enable all members to have a day out later in the year.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in March. Nine members braved the cold weather to attend the Luncheon Club meal at the Samson Blewitt in Hednesford. A good social time was had by all members. The next meeting in March will be at The Nest in Chadsmoor.

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Park nets award for free tennis sessions

From left, community and education officer Lynn Evans, Councillor Christine Mitchell, Friends of Hednesford Park volunteer John Jones and Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club's head tennis coach Chris Perrin

HEDNESFORD Park is celebrating its achievement in being named Site of the Year for its free tennis sessions.

It was officially announced by Tennis For Free (TFF) that Hednesford Park was a worthy winner of this award. Having delivered TFF sessions to 934 individuals in 2016, the park has been in the top two ranking positions throughout the past last year.

The Site of the Year award is given out by Tennis For Free, a registered charity that was set up 2004 to address the barriers for participation in tennis.

The TFF sessions, delivered by Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club, are held every Sunday between 10am and midday. The sessions are open to everyone of any level and any age from four years and above.

Chris Perrin, head tennis coach at Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club, said: "It is great seeing all ages and abilities taking part every Sunday morning."

MP renews campaign on Chase Line overcrowding

AN MP has again written to London Midland with complaints of overcrowding on Chase Line trains.

The route from Rugeley to Birmingham has been dogged with serious overcrowding issues for months. David Winnick, MP for Walsall North, has written to Patrick Verwer, managing director for London Midland, for the second time with his concerns.

He said: "Constituents continue to complain about the poor service.

"I had written previously about this. The reply I received stated that due to a national shortage of diesel trains it was not possible to get more capacity until the introduction of electric services in 2018. According to that explanation, it will then be possible to carry 50 per cent more passengers than currently. Nevertheless, dissatisfaction continues. In my latest letter, I have urged that all this should be looked into again at the most senior level of the company."

The firm has previously said it will be unable to increase capacity on any of its routes until the introduction of electric services in 2018. London Midland spokesperson Francis Thomas said: "Mr Winnick is quite correct about the improvements being made for Chase Line users – £100 million is currently being invested in the route.

David Winnick – 'poor service'

"Electric trains can only be introduced once these physical works are completed. We continue to look for more diesel capacity across the country but the reality is, no more diesel trains are available."

● Business leaders have hailed the 'landmark' announcement that HS2 has been granted Royal Assent.

Thursday's announcement paves the way for work to begin on the first phase of the project, which will see high-speed trains travel from London to Birmingham in under 50 minutes.

In addition to reducing congestion on existing lines, HS2 is expected to deliver an additional £14 billion to the UK economy, as well as creating 104,000 jobs and 2,000 apprenticeships. Paul Faulkner, chief executive of Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce, said: "Today is a landmark day as the issuance of Royal Assent removes uncertainty and makes the project a reality and not a possibility.

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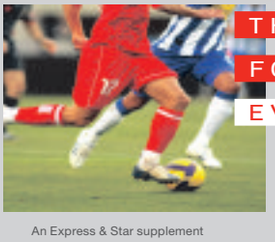

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Rare sighting in a graceful scene

The black swan at Chasewater, as photographed by retired university lecturer Keith Whitehouse

THIS spectacular black swan was captured making a rare visit to a Staffordshire beauty spot.

The photograph was captured on Chasewater's south shore by retired university lecturer Keith Whitehouse.

Mr Whitehouse, 71, of Brownhills, said: "It's quite a rare visitor and was just off the main car park.

"It's been hanging around for a few days now, and it's certainly an unusual visitor, so it was a surprise to see it.

"It's not an endemic bird to Great Britain so it's either an escapee from Australia or has been deliberately released here – but I think they can breed here now."

Mr Whitehouse took the photo using a DSLR camera with a 400mm lens.

The black swan is native to the south of Australia but they are also common to New Zealand where they were introduced in 1864.

In the UK, there are known to be small populations on the River Thames in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, as well as the River Itchen in Hampshire.

And black swans are also very closely associated with the Devon seaside town of Dawlish where it has been the community's emblem for decades.

It was also the title of 2010 psychological thriller The Black Swan which centred around a New York-based production of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake.

Children as young as seven are shoplifting

CHILDREN as young as seven were among more than 4,500 who were caught shoplifting in Staffordshire in the last year.

During 2016, a total of 4,521 thieves were caught stealing from shops by Staffordshire Police. The number was a reduction on the 4,550 incidents that had been reported in the previous 12 months.

Of those caught in 2016, there were 569 youngsters below the age of 18.

The oldest shoplifter caught was 89.

Councillor Chris Baron, secretary of the Stafford Borough Crime Prevention Panel, said: "Shoplifters need to stop and think about what they are doing.

Question

"Do they really need to steal and why are they doing it?

"That's a question to ask people who steal from shops," Councillor Baron added.

"It's sad when you hear of children being involved.

"I don't know what the answer is to stopping them.

"A lot of it isn't the fact that they need something – it is all down to greed," Councillor Baron said.

The figures, obtained through a Freedom of Information request, also provided a district breakdown of incidents in 2016 and 2015.

By Tom Oakley

A total of 426 shoplifters were caught in the Cannock Chase district – a reduction of nine on the figure for 2015; 397 in Stafford – up by 34; 269 in the Lichfield district – up 78; and 95 in South Staffordshire – up 27.

In 2015, a child as young as five was caught red-handed along with one six-year-old, four seven-year-olds and five eight-year-olds.

Councillor Baron added: "It is good to hear that these figures [overall] have gone down slightly.

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‘Amazing’ library team in launch celebration

£2k boost for sensory room

Jake Burton, left, from Amazon and Anthony Hurcombe with Samantha Scrimshaw from SNAP

A SENSORY room for children with special needs will be improved to the tune of more than £2,000 after a donation by Amazon.

The team at Amazon’s Rugeley fulfilment centre has made a £2,400 donation to SNAP, the Special Needs Adventure Playground in Cannock designed for children with special needs.

The donation will go towards improving the centre’s multi-sensory room, which offers a relaxed and safe environment with specific facilities for special needs children.

It forms part of the Amazon in the Community programme whereby the company supports communities around its operating locations across the UK. Mark Hemming, general manager at Amazon’s Rugeley site, said: “SNAP holds a special place in the heart of one of our associates, as her younger brother is a regular attendee.

“We hope everyone at SNAP enjoys their new sensory room.”

SNAP’s Robert Heighway said: “On behalf of the whole team we’d like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Amazon for the donation towards resources and equipment for the children. Because of this donation, and others like it, we will be able to continue to provide an enhanced experience for users of the centre.”

HEATH Hayes Community Library has celebrated its new status as a community-managed facility with an opening ceremony.

It is one of eight libraries being run by volunteers under the management of South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (SSSFT) and supported by Staffordshire County Council.

Since becoming a community library in August, more than 5,000 items have been issued and over 70,000 people have been through the doors. Meanwhile, 65 new members have joined – an increase of 30 per cent on the previous year.

Jean Shepherd, volunteer coordinator at Heath Hayes Library, said: “There is an amazing group of volunteers, who each bring different skills to the job. They have been passionate about keeping the library open for the community of Heath Hayes.

“Although we have a number of reliable volunteers, there is still room for more.”

Feared

Councillor Gill Heath, libraries chief at Staffordshire County Council, said: “This is a great example of how local volunteers are coming forward and making such a difference in running their local library.”

Meanwhile, an MP has reassured residents who feared that the Friary building, which houses Lichfield Library, was to be bulldozed after the county council announced it would have to move.

Michael Fabricant, the city’s MP, said: “I received letters from concerned constituents who were led to believe that the Friary in Lichfield is to be demolished and a modern block of flats erected in its footprint.The Friary building will cost council taxpayers over £1 million to repair.

“Meanwhile the loss-making Heritage Centre in St Mary’s Church in the Market Square was unsustainable so the sale of the Friary, with strict obligations to maintain its appearance and repair of the building while moving the library into St Mary’s, so securing both the library’s and the Heritage Centre’s future, is a win win situation.”

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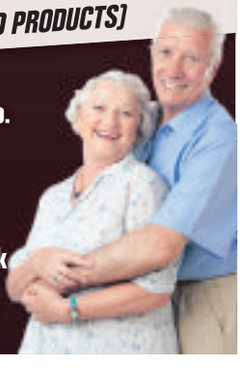

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Chase district's voters given a reminder to get on list

RESIDENTS in Cannock Chase have been urged to register to vote in order to have their say in the upcoming local elections.

On Thursday, May 4, seven seats in the area will be up for grabs in the Staffordshire County Council elections.

The authority is responsible for education, social care, tourism, transport and highways, tips and recycling centres and registration of births in Cannock Chase, as well as South Staffordshire, Stafford and Lichfield.

Tony McGovern, electoral registration officer for Cannock Chase, said: "Only people who are registered to vote can take part in May's elections.

"The majority of eligible people are already registered, but those who aren't won't be able to have their say on polling day.

"The deadline to register to vote is Thursday, April 13, 2017, so you've still got time, but please don't leave it until the last minute as it takes a few days for applications to be processed, and we may need to come back to you if you've missed something."

Apple a day sees Ivy turn 100

Ivy Boot knows the secret to a long life – she has celebrated her 100th birthday

AN apple a day keeps the doctor away – that is the motto of a former housekeeper born in Cheslyn Hay who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Ivy Boot, who had three children with late husband Frank, received a card from the Queen for her big day on February 22.

Ivy has eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and still lives at home and is regularly visited by two of her sons, Ray and Robert. Her eldest son Frank Jr died.

"She was born in Cheslyn Hay and would have moved to Walsall shortly after leaving school, when she was around 14 or 15," said Robert.

"She still lives at home. She doesn't go out, but she gets about the house, and her mind is as sharp as can be," he added.

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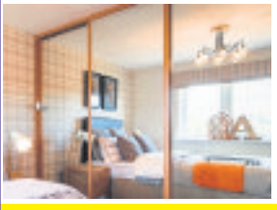

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Fair has ideas for Mother's Day

THE county's largest conservation charity is inviting people to pick up a unique Mother's Day gift at its craft fair.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is holding the event on March 11 and 12, between 10am and 4pm, at its Wolseley Centre headquarters, near Rugeley.

There will be a wide range of stalls on both days selling paintings, knitwear and jewellery. Sam Pachner, events and fundraising officer at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, said: "Our craft fair has increased in popularity year after year. We are lucky there will be so many talented craftspeople and artists in attendance again this year.

"It is Mother's Day at the end of March so the fair is a perfect chance to pick up a special gift." Admission is £1.50 with proceeds going towards the trust's work.

Entrance for anyone under 16 is free. For further information call 01889 880100.

Anglers to pay total of £5,680 for fishing illegally at pools

EIGHT anglers – including one from Rugeley – who were caught fishing illegally have been ordered to pay a total of £5,680 by a court.

By Simon Stone

Environment Agency officers out on regular patrols discovered the anglers fishing without a rod licence last summer.

Magistrates heard that the incidents happened on three separate days in June and July at pools in Rugeley, Penkridge, Eccleshall and Stoke-on-Trent.

Carl Johnson of Cowlishaw Way, Rugeley, who pleaded guilty, was fined £440 and ordered to pay £127 costs and a £44 victim surcharge. He was caught on June 18 at Horns Pool, at Slitting Mill.

Also dealt with at North Staffordshire Justice Centre Magistrates Court under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act were Ricky Fisher of Millfield Road, Brownhills; Matthew Bamford, Anthony Leese, Blain Pickering, Richie Wilkes, all of Stoke-on-Trent; Mark Francis of Liverpool; and Robbie Johnson of Aberdeenshire.

Andrew Eardley of the Environment Agency said: "The majority of anglers fish legally and purchase a rod licence. With an annual licence costing £27 it seems ridiculous that anglers risk a significant fine like these we've seen here.

"The minority of anglers that fail to buy a rod licence are cheating their fellow anglers and the future of the sport.

"Rod licence cheats risk a criminal conviction, a significant fine and could lose their fishing equipment."

Money collected from rod licence sales is invested in England's fisheries and is also used to fund the Angling Trust to provide information about fishing and to encourage participation in the sport.

Anyone witnessing illegal fishing incidents in progress can report it directly to the Environment Agency hotline on 0800 80 70 60.

Quarrying policy given go-ahead

PLANS to protect communities and the environment during future quarrying in Staffordshire have been approved.

The Minerals Local Plan, which shows how communities and the environment will be protected and where sand, gravel and other minerals will come from over the next 15 years, was approved at a meeting of Staffordshire County Council.

It follows a two-year consultation with local communities and the industry.

The minerals industry supplies materials for the construction sector and the building of everything from houses and schools to roads.

Councillor Mark Winnington, cabinet member for economic growth, said: "This is an important plan which shows how we will protect our communities and countryside as we manage the extraction of sand, gravel and other natural resources to support the construction industry, our local economy and jobs."

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Pupils on form with sell-out Oliver show

PUPILS at a theatre school were hard at work during half-term, performing a set of sold-out shows.

Around 70 students from M3 Studios, which has branches in Cannock, Rugeley, Stafford, Burntwood and Wolverhampton, trod the boards at the Prince of Wales Theatre, performing hit-musical Oliver. They had spent 16 weeks of perfecting their craft.

The theatre school has gone from strength to strength since opening in 2014, with 400 students attending classes.

Dominic Clarson, principal at the theatre school, said: "Students at the school are fantastic.

"It's a really happy place. We teach children aged three to 18 who excel in acting, singing and dancing.

"It's really like one big family, where students feel supported and encouraged.

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"We take pride in the fact that we offer two productions per annum at the Prince of Wales Theatre, among various other presentations/festivals throughout the year – we feel that performance is such a vital and positive part of a child's learning.

"We welcome anyone who wants to join, but we're really for encouraging people to take their dream further.

"Some of our previous students are now auditioning for prestigious acting schools," Mr Clarson added.

"We only employee teachers who have had real professional experience, and we're looking to support the pupils however we can. But it's all about the drive – passion is half the battle. Talent is important but means nothing if you don't use it."

M3 Studios are now looking towards their annual summer showcase event, which will involve all the pupils on their books.

M3 teachers Marni-lee Clarson, Dominic Clarson and Mia-Jay Clarson with pupils

New format highlights skills

Oliver, M3 Studios, at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock

THIS comparatively new stage school continues to expand its influence in the local area.

It is probably a sign of their success that sibling-principals Mia-Jay, Marni-Lee and Dominic Clarson chose to present their most recent production in a more workshop style than in the hitherto more traditional format of their previous shows.

This method allowed greater scope to display the talents of their up and coming principal performers, since they were able to use two performers for a number of the main characters.

It is good to remember that in producing this type of show, there are two main aims – to produce a best-possible piece of entertainment for the audience and, of equal importance, to allow the performers the opportunity to display their skills. The latter was executed with great enthusiasm.

This show is a 'musical', in the true sense of the word with many well-known and well-loved numbers, which were ably sung and played under the direction of MD Gladstone Wilson.

The capacity audiences were delighted with the performances, exampled by one very young watcher who was heard to exclaim, as villain Bill Sykes was shot dead, 'Ahh! Yes!'

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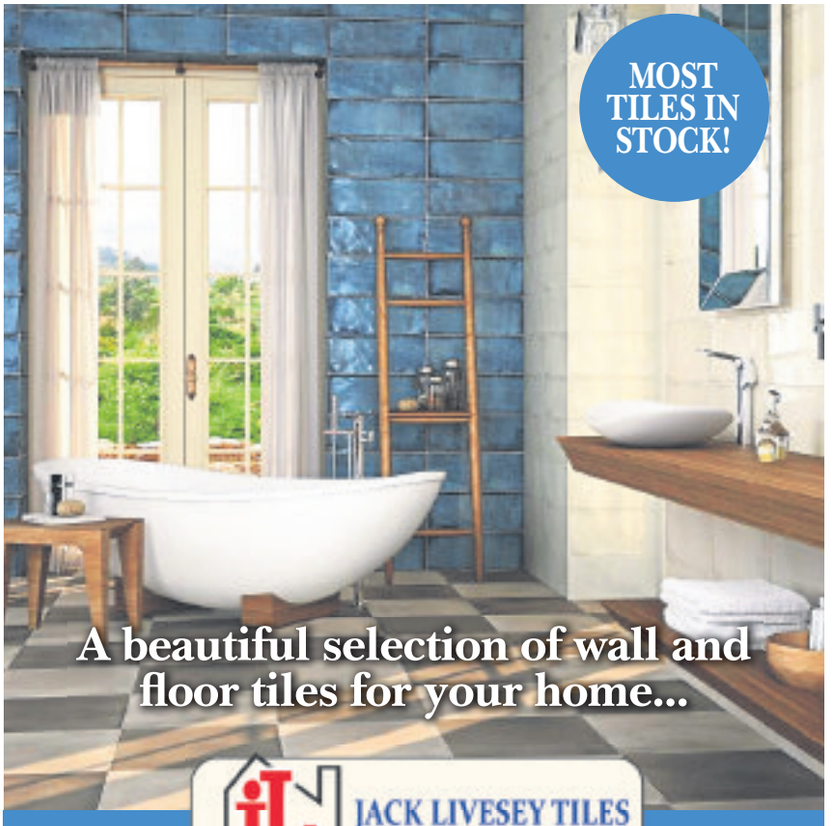

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Giant crowd-puller lined up for show

One of the giant tortoises which will be meeting and greeting visitors – slowly – at this year's County Show

TENS of thousands of people are expected to attend this year's Staffordshire County Show.

And this year's event features a new attraction which might be a little slow to get off the ground. Giant tortoises will be transported in their own trailer to the showground. On arrival, they are coaxed out with cucumber.

The tortoises are owned by Adrian Graham, who takes them to a select number of events each year.

Mr Graham, from Lincolnshire, said he hasn't shown his tortoises at this show before.

"I have 17 Aldabra tortoises, along with other breeds," he said. "They have been a lifelong hobby, although last year was the first time we properly started to show them.

"I got my first tortoise when I was about four, having started asking my parents for a pet, but I was allergic to all animals with fur, hair and feathers, so I ended up with my first tortoise, and it's grown big time since then.

"They always prove popular, and people love to see them.

Richard Williams, chief executive of the Staffordshire and Birmingham Agricultural Society, which runs the showground in Weston Road, Stafford, said: "Each year we like to add new attractions and exhibits of interests – especially as the majority of our visitors come back year on year."

"We think the giant tortoises will be a very popular addition to the event."

Logistically, the tortoises are more than a handful. They grow to a quarter of a tonne, and it can take up to five people to lift just one.

The show, which attracted 65,000 visitors last year, will take place on May 31 and June 1. Tickets go on sale online from April 1 and at the showground, as well as from outlets across the county from May 1.

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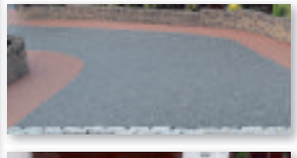

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Hundreds support hospital petition

NEARLY 1,500 people have called on Stafford Borough Council to hold a referendum over the future of County Hospital.

A petition has been set up by residents asking the council to hold a referendum on whether full services should return and whether the hospital should be publicly financed or receive help from private firms.

By Marion Brennan

The hospital lost a host of services in the wake of the Stafford Hospital crisis.

Despite the crisis taking hold years ago some services have still not returned, and more recently the provision to treat children at County's A&E was also removed.

Health bosses insist one of the county's three major emergency departments – Stafford's County Hospital, Royal Stoke, or Queen's in Burton – needs to be downgraded into an urgent care centre. It is one of several widescale changes to healthcare in Staffordshire outlined in a five-year Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

Patrick Farrington, leader of Stafford Borough Council, said the petition would be considered on its completion. But he added that no-one could be in any doubt where he stood on the issue. The authority chief has written to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Health to tell them any plans to close the A&E at County Hospital would be unacceptable.

He has also penned similar letters Staffordshire's clinical commissioning groups and hospital trusts.

He said: "In all of these I enclose a copy of the motion I put before the council about A&E at the County Hospital which stated that if the STP is designed to enhance delivery of health and well-being in Staffordshire, it's a nonsense that A&E be downgraded." The petition runs until March 9.

Scouts celebrate 100th anniversary

Each of the district's 12 groups were represented

CANNOCK Chase District Scouts celebrated their 100th anniversary at a weekend camp at Shugborough Outdoor Education Centre, with more than 500 young people and 125 leaders plus volunteers attending.

Each of the 12 groups from the district were represented. District secretary Jacquie Tranter said many activities were available on the Saturday in four zones – water, inflatables, climbing and shooting.

"They went back to their camps and were fed by amazing volunteer cook teams, then to the camp fire which was followed by a huge firework display," she added.

On the Sunday, activities included balloon modelling and a photo booth. The finale was the Mucky Races where Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in an assault course.

"All the participants received a commemorative bag and camp badge but the camp would not have been such a success if donations had not been forthcoming from local town councils, local businesses and both Hednesford and Rugeley Lions and a big thank you goes to them," Jacquie said.

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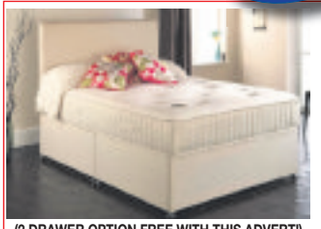

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Digging up the past – Bethany Sharma, aged 10, at the Dino Day event

Hundreds enjoy a journey into past

HUNDREDS of visitors to the Museum of Cannock Chase had a roaring time as the venue went back to the Jurassic period.

The museum held a dinosaur-themed Dino Day over two days, welcoming 1,000 visitors each day.

Youngsters took part in an educational outdoor dinosaur trail around the museum after making their own dinosaur eggs to take home. There was also chance to make-your-own dinosaur fossils which proved popular with the children.

Nicola Bannister, visitor services officer at the Hednesford museum, said: "Dino Day took place over two days but we had different activities on each day. We had over a thousand visitors on each day.

"Quite a lot of people that came along had not been here before, and there was a lot of positive feedback."

Dino Day was part of a week-long programme during half-term.

A Pokémon and anime day saw children swapping cards and collectables.

And a costumed volunteer was at hand on another day to guide people around the museum's extensive gallery.

For more details on the Museum of Cannock Chase and its forthcoming events and activities, go to www.museumofcannockchase.org or call 01543 877666. Alternatively, search for the museum on Facebook.

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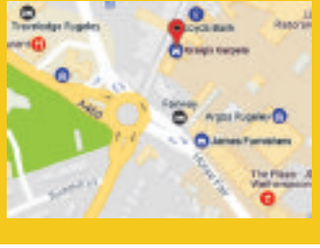

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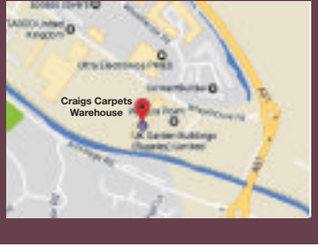

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Digesting advice on eating well

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Fifty four children from Fulfen Primary School were treated to a Healthy Choices workshop during January.

The workshops offer the chance for children to get hands-on with a range of activities, including how to make fun fruit kebabs, gain an understanding of food labelling, as well as being taught about the importance of getting meal portion sizes right so that no food goes to waste.

James Knight, community relations officer, said: "As an ethical retailer, we are more than happy to support our local schools to help teach the importance of healthy eating and why including five portions of fruit and veg a day and eating breakfast is important to a healthy lifestyle."

Men plan the next meeting

MEN of Burntwood will welcome Antony Hunt to their meeting at St Matthews Sports and Social Club Burntwood on Wednesday, March 8 at 7.45pm.

His topic will be 'Osses in Hednesford.

For further details call Vince on 01543 682448.

First of 12 life-saving units for 2017 installed at church

By David Banner

THE first defibrillator of the year for Burntwood Town Council is now up and running at Burntwood Methodist Church, Swan Island.

The machine was installed with money raised by the Chasetown Townswomen's Guild, which purchased the defibrillator and the cabinet which houses it. It was installed by Stretton Construction free of charge, with electrical parts supplied free of charge by J & M Electrical.

Burntwood Town Councillor Darren Ennis and the vice-chairman of Burntwood Town Council Councillor Pam Stokes were present for the launch of the now fully operational community defibrillator.

Councillor Ennis, who is also chairman of Burntwood Town Council's defibrillator task and finish group, thanked the Townswomen's Guild, the church and local businesses who gave their time, expertise and products for this important cause.

Councillor Ennis announced that the plan in 2017 is very optimistic with 12 new defibrillators to be installed in Burntwood, this being the first. Automated external defibrillators deliver electric currents for people suffering cardiac dysrhythmias and are designed to be easy to use.

The first defibrillator of the year for the town council is up and running at Burntwood Methodist Church, Swan Island *Picture: Nancy Wilkes*

Extension scheme for clubhouse unveiled

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

St Matthews Cricket And Football Club, The Riddings Sports Ground, Nightingale Walk, Burntwood – single-storey extension to front of clubhouse to form toilets, kitchen, bar and general club area; change of use of land to form car parking area (re-submission of application 16/00209/FUL).

30 Ironstone Road, Burntwood – single-storey side and first-floor rear extension to form utility, bathroom, bedrooms and en suite.

40 Chase Road, Burntwood – single and two-storey side extension to form kitchen, lounge, dining room and bedroom.

South Staffordshire Waterworks, Lichfield Road, Armitage – replacement of the existing main front door to a security-rated unit and installation of security-rated bar sets internally within the building.

Sherracop, Newlands Lane, Stockwell Heath, Rugeley – erection of a single dwelling (outline).

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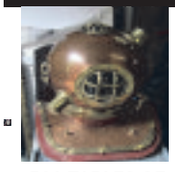

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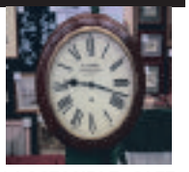

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Robbie's a pal but I still see old mates

He's so God Damned nice. Talking to Olly Murs is like talking to the ultimate cheeky chap. There's no edge and nothing unpleasant.

He's as unlikely to throw a strop as Mother Teresa, he's as unlikely to be caught with his pants down as the local lollipop lady. He's the antithesis of Kanye and Kardashian, the polar opposite of Katie Hopkins. He's as unlikely to demand a jar full of purple Smarties on his backstage rider as a lion is to marry a dolphin.

Good God, Olly, stop being so flippin' nice. And yet that's what the public admires about him. While so many who are thrust into the spotlight are dysfunctional and difficult, Olly is precisely the opposite. He is the archetypal boy-who-done-well, the classic boy next door who made it big.

Olly was working as a recruitment consultant at Prime Appointments, in Witham, before he featured on The X Factor. And he's still in touch with his old officemates now. The closest he'd come to stardom was appearing on Deal or No Deal in 2007. He wasn't much cop, taking home a tenner after messing up royally.

Like many kids, he'd dreamed of hitting the big time. But after forming a band, The Small Town Blaggers, that got nowhere fast, he pretty much gave up. And so, after his Deal or No Deal experience, he jacked it all in and went backpacking around Australia. Then, when he returned, he decided to have one last crack at fame. He rolled the dice in 2009 and is landed on X.

Olly loves the high life but he's Mur likely to be found in Essex

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"X Factor got me started, but I think for me it's just about hard work. I respect people and I'm nice to people and I've also had a bit of luck. People like my music and have bought into me so I try to give people a different sound and a different vibe. It's just been a great journey. I've been very lucky. I hate to say luck because we all know it isn't all luck. You've got to have a bit of talent."

Olly was the runner-up on the sixth series of The X Factor in 2009. His debut single, Please Don't Let Me Go, debuted at number one while his debut album was certified double platinum after shifting more than 600,000 copies. And since then, it's been one-way traffic. Olly has been moving higher and higher and higher as he's shipped a colossal 10 million records, published an autobiography called Happy Days and released three further albums which have all gone to number one and achieved between two and four platinum discs for sales that have hovered around one-million-per-record. The only thing he hasn't done is fill his mantelpiece with awards. Olly has been nominated for six Brits and two Ivor Novellos, but always been pipped. Still, there's still time to put that right, especially with the release of his fifth album, 24 hrs.

"I think it's the best thing I've done, yes. It's certainly my best songwriting. I wrote it with some great writers and as a body of work it's the best thing I've come up with. Right now, I'm just looking forward to the fans listening to it.

"When you've done four albums, it's like what am I going to do for my fifth? Where do I go? So what I've always done in my career is try to move forward."

The new album will be accompanied by another megatron tour. Having stayed on the road from March to August with his last set of arena shows, for Never Been Better, which included three dates at Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena, Olly is back for more. This time he'll be playing the city's Genting. At present, he's scheduled just the one date, for March 24, but don't bet against him returning for more.

"I'm looking forward to it," he says. "To do these sort of venues is fantastic and I never get bored of it. I always hope that one day I'll move up and play stadiums. That's certainly on my bucket list."

He's learned from the best in the business. Olly was part of One Direction's Up All Night Tour in 2012, when he joined the boys in the USA. And he was also the special guest for Robbie Williams' Take The Crown Tour, in 2013, which earned $20 million from nine shows and included four sell-out gigs at Wembley and the same number at Manchester's Etihad Stadium.

"Working with people like Robbie Williams and Gary Barlow has been great. It's always good to work with people like that and get close, to see those guys going about their work. I'm grateful to them for giving me the opportunity to play on their tours.

"Hopefully one day there'll be a young singer on one of my tours and I'll try to guide them and give them advice and help"

Not that Olly takes his success for granted. In the fickle world of pop, he knows that what goes up must come down. Though a crash is more unlikely that a bad dinner from Gordon Ramsay, he knows it might not last forever.

"I'm not a fool. I know that at some point it'll all be gone. But then it might not – who knows it might go on for the rest of my life. I'll continue for as long as my fans in the UK want me to. If I move into other careers, like TV or radio, that would be cool. You don't know, the opportunities are endless."

You've got to tick all the boxes really if you want to get somewhere

For a cheeky chappy like Olly, they probably are. He's the sort of entertainer who'll still be around in 20 years.

The Nice theme continues when he's not on pop star duty. Away from the stage, he's a right regular philanthropist who supports his local Brainwave charity, which is based in his home town and helps kids with cerebral palsy.

"Giving back is massively important to me. When you're in the position I'm in where your profile can really elevate some charities then you can use that to raise money and help families and kids in need. I'm in the position to do that and I love helping, I love doing that. The charities that I'm involved in are all important to me.

With enough in the bank to live comfortably, Olly could slow down. He could swan off to some exotic isle and sip vodka, lychee juice and vermouth or mango daiquiris. Not that he does. When he's off duty, you're more likely to find him knocking about in Essex, where he still hangs out with his old mates. Olly may have Robbie Williams' number on speed dial, but he's just as likely to text his mates, Colin and Robbie, instead.

"I'm always at home in Essex. I'm always visiting my old employees, especially an agency I used to work for, Prime Appointments.

● Olly is performing at The Genting Arena, Birmingham on Thursday, March 23, Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25. Tickets cost from £33.99. Visit www.theticketfactory.com or call 0844 33 88 222.

Andy Richardson

Annette – no stranger to city

Annette boings back – to star in Billy Elliot

It'll be like a home from home when Annette McLaughlin lands in Birmingham to star in a six-week run of Billy Elliot.

The actress and comedian once spent every other weekend near the city, commuting from London with her then-boyfriend, Frank Skinner, to watch the Albion. Boing Boing, does that make her a Born Again Baggie. "Oh God, no. I was just a very, very good girlfriend."

Instead of the blue-and-white-stripes, her abiding memory is of the half time pies.

The West End star, who plays Mrs Wilkinson in Billy Elliot, the role made famous in the movie by Julie Walters, worked with Skinner on TV's The Frank Skinner Show.

"Frank was my boyfriend and I used to go and watch West Brom with him," she says. "I enjoy football because I had three brothers and used to enjoy playing it as a kid. I used to go every Saturday with Frank and I loved it. I loved the pies most of all, that was my favourite thing. The gravy used to drip down my hands. They were delicious.

"We only used to go up for the weekend but it was great because he was such a massive fan of West Brom and was so proud of his heritage."

Heritage is a dominant theme in Billy Elliot. It celebrates life in a northern mining town. Set against the background of the 1980s miners' strike it follows Billy's journey from boxing to ballet class, where he discovers a passion for dance that changes his life forever.

Sharing the role of Billy are Adam Abbou, Matthew Lyons, Haydn May and local boy Lewis Smallman, from West Bromwich. The show runs at Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday until April 29

Bach to Hendrix at Kennedy gala

World-renowned violinist Nigel Kennedy will make a triumphant return to his adopted home city of Birmingham with a gala celebration show at Symphony Hall.

The maverick Aston Villa-loving violinist will combine his greatest successes and new works for this one-off performance on Saturday, March 11.

Kennedy will perform a wide-ranging repertoire from Bach to Hendrix, world music to jazz, accompanied by a host of special guests including Bulgarian composer and virtuoso on the gadulka (stringed folk instrument) Georgi Andreev and world-class violinists Jean-Luc Ponty, Michael Guttman and Pieter Daniel.

Kennedy's unique talent and extraordinary ability to communicate with audiences have made him one of the world's most popular performers.

Jean-Luc Ponty is a master of the violin in the arena of jazz and rock. He is widely regarded as an innovator.

Despite their different musical backgrounds, Kennedy and Ponty had the same mentor – Stéphane Grappelli, who saw in them the renewal of the violin. The encounter between these two exceptional artists promises to be powerfully creative. It will range from the acoustic to the electronic and with a repertoire drawn from the last three centuries.

Georgi Andreev is a virtuoso of the gadulka, a traditional Bulgarian bowstring instrument. Michael Guttman is an eminent violin soloist, conductor and music director of festivals around the world.

At the age of 10 he became the youngest student ever to be admitted into the Brussels Royal Conservatory of Music.Another of Nigel's friends from Juilliard, Pieter Daniel, who made his orchestra debut at the age of 12, will also perform.

Ticket prices range from £25.50 to £68 for the 7.30pm gala concert. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 780 3333.

The times they are a-changin'

Menopause The Musical, an all-singing all-dancing comedy is on its way

The show about ladies of a certain age will unite one of Britain's best known singing sisters with three familiar faces from TV drama.

Maureen Nolan will join Cheryl Fergison (pictured) who played Heather Trott in EastEnders with Rebecca Wheatley, from TV's Casualty, and Penny Dreadful actress Ruth Berkeley. It is on at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Thursday, March 9.

Gig choice? Listen to what Mama Said

Mama Said and 7 Years outfit Lukas Graham, from Denmark, bring their soul-pop to Birmingham O2 Academy on Sunday and the same night Traffic co-founder Dave Mason brings his Traffic Jam to Bilston's Robin 2.

In Digbeth, Leeds indie rockers The Pigeon Detecives play the O2 Institute on Wednesday, with Lucy Spraggan on Thursday and Oxford's Glass Animals on Friday.

Leamington Spa singer-songwriter Joe Dolman plays the Sunflower Lounge in Brum on Thursday. Dutch Uncles play the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on Monday. The following night it's Swedish psychedelic rock with Josefin Ohrn and The Liberation. World music gets a look-in at the Glee Club in Brum with blues masters Tinariwen on Wednesday.

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Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief (BBC1, 6.45pm)

New series. Presenter double-team Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins are reunited to host the all-star talent show, in which celebrity performers take to the stage to display their musical talents by delivering their interpretations of various pop hits. The contest gets under way with performances by Radio 1 DJ Matt Edmondson, astrologer Russell Grant, comedienne Sara Pascoe, DJ duo Rickie Haywood-Williams and Melvin Odoom, and Absolutely Fabulous actresses Harriet Thorpe and Helen Lederer - otherwise known as Patsy's long-suffering associates Fleur and Catriona. Only two of the star acts featured each week will be able progress to the Grand Final.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Everyday. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.15** My Life: The Boy on the Bicycle. **2.45 Film:** Monsters vs Aliens. (2009) Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Reese Witherspoon. **4.10** Final Score. **5.10** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Hugh Dennis and Pauline McLynn, Charlie Higson and Adil Ray, Richard Gibson and Vicki Michelle, and Jean Fergusson and Tina Malone compete. (R)

6.45 Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief. New series. Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins present the all-star talent show, in which celebrity performers display their musical talents via interpretations of various pop hits.

8.00 Who Dares Wins. Game show in which Nick Knowles challenges two pairs of complete strangers to team up, with each pair battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time the champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up.

8.40 Casualty. David spends one last day with Ollie before his aunt takes him back to Spain, while Louise and Dylan try convince the board to help them tackle alcohol abuse.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Rory and Dino have a bust-up, Mark and Betty announce they are leaving for Australia right away and a phone call causes the Brown children to suspect one of them may be adopted. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Leicester City v Hull City at King Power Stadium, and Liverpool v Arsenal at Anfield.

11.45 This Country. Kerry becomes a door-to-door saleswoman and Kurtan makes new friends in the village. Mockumentary presenting a wry look at the lives of young people living in rural Britain.

12.10 Film: Papadopoulos & Sons. (2012) **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.25 Film: North West Frontier. (1959) Action adventure, starring Lauren Bacall and Kenneth More. **8.30** Live Athletics: European Indoor Championships. Coverage of the morning session on day two. **10.00** Ireland's Wild River: The Mighty Shannon – Natural World. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. (R) **1.00** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **1.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.15** Mastermind. (R) **3.15** University Challenge. (R) **3.45** Only Connect. (R) **4.15** Live Athletics: European Indoor Championships. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the evening session on day two.

8.15 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. Paul Murton visits the three island outposts of Shetland, Papa Stour, Whalsay and Out Skerries. He encounters newborn lambs and watches a traditional sword dance, before taking a trip on a trawler. He discovers how the islands have developed their own sense of community in the face of declining populations and the challenges of a remote location.

8.45 Dad's Army. Sgt Wilson struggles to concentrate on his Home Guard duties when he has a personal problem to contend with. Classic comedy, starring John Le Mesurier and Arthur Lowe. (R)

9.15 Live at the Apollo. Adam Hills, host of Channel 4's The Last Leg, is the latest master of ceremonies at London's Hammersmith Apollo. He introduces US comic Michelle Wolf and sharp-witted Jamali Maddix to the stage. (R)

10.00 Martin Scorsese: True Confessions. Nick James interviews Academy Award-winning director Martin Scorsese on his fascination with themes of masculinity, religion, crime, and life in New York.

10.30 Film: Mean Streets. (1973) A small-time crook's conscience and loyalty to his girlfriend conflict with his desire to rise in the criminal world. Martin Scorsese's drama, with Robert De Niro and Harvey Keitel.

12.20 Taboo. (R) **2.15 Film:** Witchfinder General. (1968) A 17th-century lawyer callously destroys innocent lives while serving as a witchfinder, but meets his match in a vengeful soldier. Horror, starring Vincent Price and Ian Ogilvy. **3.40** This Is BBC Two.

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6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** Alphabetical. (R) **10.20** Guess This House. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** The Voice UK. (R) **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Doncaster. Coverage of today's race meetings at Doncaster and Newbury. **4.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**4.45** ITV News; Weather. **5.00 Film:** Despicable Me 2. (2013) Animated comedy sequel.

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The popular duo's entertainment show continues, as Robbie Williams and his wife Ayda Field join the pair for this year's first I'm A Celebrity Get Out of Me Ear. Brendan O'Carroll, otherwise known as Agnes Brown of Mrs Brown's Boys, serves as this week's guest announcer, and Stephen Mulhern takes the boys back through time to Ancient Egypt in another round of Ant Versus Dec. Plus, the next installment of The Missing Crown Jewel, in which Emilia Fox aims to take the investigation one step closer to identifying the famous thief, and Ant and Dec themselves star in a spectacular End of the Show Show.

8.30 The Voice UK. The contest switches gear once again in the first live knock-out show, beginning as Jennifer Hudson's six acts are whittled down to three via head-to-head performances.

9.45 ITV News; Weather.

10.00 Lethal Weapon. A maverick cop is partnered with a veteran detective trying to maintain a low stress level. Action drama based on the films, starring Clayne Crawford and Damon Wayans. (R)

10.55 Film: First Blood. (1982) A Vietnam veteran escapes unjust imprisonment and flees into the wilderness, where he fights the law on his own terms. Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone.

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

7.10 The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **4.35** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** Grand Designs. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Escape to the Chateau. Series following a British family through the process of buying and restoring a French chateau that has been empty for the past four decades. Dick Strawbridge and his partner Angel Adoree's new home has 12 acres of land, nine outbuildings, a walled garden and a moat – but it also has no electricity, heating or water, and proves to be a far more complicated DIY project than expected. (R)

8.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service. The actress travels around the country to visit the Queen's official residences and meet people with royal appointments. The journey begins in Windsor Castle, where she finds out about Britain's oldest order of chivalry, meets the Royal Herb Strewer and unearths a box of treasure dating back to Elizabeth I. She also takes a trip up the Thames in the gilded barge Gloriana. (R)

9.00 Film: The Wolverine. (2013) The former member of the X-Men is lured out of hiding and travels to Japan, where a dying businessman offers him the chance to give up his immortality for a normal life. He ends up robbed of his superhuman powers by a mysterious scientist and is forced to protect the tycoon's granddaughter from a secret conspiracy's assassins. Superhero adventure spin-off, starring Hugh Jackman and Tao Okamoto.

11.25 Film: Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. (2012)

1.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.10** Hollyoaks. **4.25** Building the Dream. **5.20** Fifteen to One. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Access. **10.35** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **11.35** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **12.35** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **1.30** Dance Moms. **2.25** Dance Moms. **3.20** Dance Moms. **4.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Documentary series giving an insight into the world of debt collection. Kevin Stokes and Brian O'Shaughnessy try to collect a debt from a technology company, but with the director nowhere to be seen, the office manager does everything she can to prove the business is no longer trading. Stewart McCracken and Elmor Victor face a heartbreaking house repossession in Merseyside, where two landlords are forced to evict a tenant recovering from a brain tumour which has cost him his job and income. (R)

7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles. Nell goes undercover at the Department of Defence after a researcher is found dead, and a new addition fails to endear himself to the rest of the team.

8.00 NCIS. A petty officer is suspected of murdering his ex-girlfriend, and volunteers to be court-martialled so that the NCIS team will investigate and perhaps prove his innocence.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Highlights from the weekend's games, including Huddersfield Town v Newcastle United at John Smith's Stadium, Blackburn Rovers v Wigan Athletic at Ewood Park, and Fulham v Preston North End at Craven Cottage.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. All the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Rochdale v Sheffield United, and Plymouth Argyle v Carlisle United.

10.30 Conspiracy: Pearl Harbor Cover-Up. Suggestions of a cover-up in relation to the Japanese attack in December 1941, alleging it was actually masterminded by US president Franklin D Roosevelt.

11.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Inside Windsor Castle. (R) **4.00** The Cars That Made Britain Great. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Indian Hill Railways **8.00** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **9.00** Follow the Money **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.05** The Secret Science of Pop **1.05 Film:** Janis: Little Girl Blue (2015) **2.35** Queens of Soul **3.35** Close

ITV2

11.10 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.40** Take Me Out **1.55** The Voice UK **3.55 Film:** Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00 Film:** Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) **5.45 Film:** Kindergarten Cop (1990) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50 Film:** Kindergarten Cop (1990) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00 Film:** American Pie 2 (2001) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** American Pie 2 (2001) **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05 Film:** Wanted (2008) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10 Film:** Wanted (2008) **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.35 Lewis **1.40** Inspector Morse **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Carry On Forever **12.00** Wycliffe **1.05** Marchlands **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 The Car Chasers **12.00** Storage Wars: Texas **12.30** Live Darts: UK Open. Coverage of the second day at the Butlins Minehead Resort. **5.00** The Darts Show **5.25** Pawn Stars **5.55** It's Not Rocket Science **7.00** Live Darts: UK Open. Further coverage of the second day at the Butlins Minehead Resort. **11.00 Film:** Jackie Brown (1997) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Jackie Brown (1997) **2.05** Minder **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **11.15 Film:** Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) **1.00** The Goldbergs **2.30** Black-ish **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00 Film:** Mission: Impossible (1996) **7.10** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Red (2010) **11.10** Gogglebox **12.15** Celebs Go Dating **3.20** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.05** Rude Tube **4.30** Rude(ish) Tube **4.50** Revenge

Film4

11.00 Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) **1.00** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **3.10** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **4.55** Casper (1995) **6.55** X-Men (2000) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **9.00** The Rewrite (2014) Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Marisa Tomei. **11.10** Stonehearst Asylum (2014) **1.25** Sorority Row (2009) **3.35** Close

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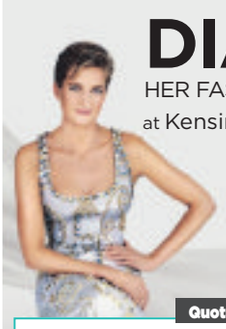

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SUNDAY'S TV MARCH 5

CHOICE

Dara Ó Briain (left)

Robot Wars
(BBC2, 7pm)
New series. Dara Ó Briain and Angela Scanlon present the first group heat, with eight teams facing off through two group battles in the arena for a place in the grand final. A new twist on the format sees random house robots being sent to attack the competitors if they stray into the wrong part of the arena. Jonathan Pearce commentates on the action, while Professor Noel Sharkey, Dr Lucy Rogers and Professor Sethu Vijayakumar judge the operators' skills and select a victor in the case of an uncertain outcome.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Flog It! (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Shop Well for Less? (R) **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 The Big Painting Challenge. Mariella Frostrup and Richard Coles present the show from the National Portrait Gallery, where the artists face two of their hardest challenges. Firstly, they have to produce a self-portrait, most of which seem to capture the subject looking afraid. They are then joined by sitters Angela Rippon and Floella Benjamin and challenged to capture their famous faces accurately on canvas.

7.00 Countryfile. The team explores the South Downs. Helen Skelton discovers why dark skies are important for animals, John Craven visits the Bloomsbury Group's rural retreat, and Matt baker meets a pony that is blazing a trail across the landscape. Tom Heap travels to Spain to get to the bottom of Britain's vegetable crisis, and Adam Henson investigates new ways to stop cattle from roaming.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Dr Turner helps a couple whose daughter was born without limbs to have her fitted for prosthetics – but the experience provokes different reactions from her mother and father.

9.00 SS-GB. Archer tracks down Spode, who confesses to murdering his brother, before going in search of the missing atomic bomb plans – but the resistance are still targeting him.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, which featured Tottenham Hotspur v Everton at White Hart Lane, and Sunderland v Manchester City at The Stadium of Light.

11.35 American High School. A student whose father is in prison has developed his own business.

12.20 The Celebrity Apprentice USA. **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.15** An Island Parish. (R) **7.45** Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **8.45** Countryfile. (R) **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **11.45** Nigellissima. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Triathlon. **2.30** Live Athletics: European Indoor Championships. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the third and final day from the Kornbank Arena in Belgrade, Serbia, where medals are awarded in 11 events. The finals of the women's and men's 800m, 3,000m and 4x400m relay will all take place on this concluding day, in addition to the women's 60m and long jump, plus the men's high jump and triple jump, and the conclusion of the heptathlon. With commentary and analysis from Steve Backley, Steve Cram, Colin Jackson, Denise Lewis and Paula Radcliffe.

7.00 Robot Wars. New series. Dara Ó Briain and Angela Scanlon present the first group heat, with eight teams battling it out for a place in the grand final. With commentary by Jonathan Pearce.

8.00 Top Gear. New series. Another helping of four-wheel features, including test drives and reports on the latest models, plus a celebrity taking to the show's test track in Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week. The seven remaining contestants arrive in Australia for the final challenge, where they undergo training with the Special Air Service Regiment – but must first undergo a gruelling exercise to see if they are physically prepared for what is to come. Those that make it through this stage face tactical interrogation and an endurance race wearing weighted rucksacks. Last in the series.

10.00 Film: London Road. (2015) Premiere. Ipswich residents' real accounts of a series of murders committed in their neighbourhood are presented in song. Fact-based musical, starring Olivia Colman and Tom Hardy.

11.30 Film: Papillon. (1973) A Frenchman imprisoned for life on Devil's Island for a crime he did not commit makes a desperate bid for freedom. Fact-based drama, starring Steve McQueen.

1.55 Taboo. (R) **2.55** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.55** Holby City. (R) **4.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **8.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.45** Teen Titans Go! (R) **9.05** Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Countrywise: Guide to Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **10.55** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. (R) **11.25** Chopping Block. (R) **12.25** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.35** The Voice UK. (R) **2.50** Little Big Shots. (R) **3.50** The Chase. (R) **4.50** Tipping Point. (R) **5.50** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule. Madcap panel show presented by the comedian, who presides over two teams nominally tasked with saving the planet from any potential alien invasion. (R)

6.40 Five Gold Rings. New series. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which contestants compete to identify images on an LED floor while viewers can play along using the series app.

7.45 The Voice UK. The second live knockout show, which sees three of Tom Jones' acts eliminated, while the others go through to a place in the quarter final. Jennifer Hudson performs in the studio.

9.00 The Good Karma Hospital. Lydia and Ruby visit a convent to make a seemingly miraculous diagnosis, but the treatment of a young nun and the senior doctor's interfering attitude creates tension between them.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 The Nightly Show Best Bits. New series. Highlights from the previous week.

10.50 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (R)

11.50 Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present action from the 17th round of fixtures, including Leicester Tigers v Exeter Chiefs, Bath v Wasps, and Newcastle Falcons v Saracens.

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Chopping Block. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **3.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.00** Channel 4 News. **4.30 Film:** Fantastic Four. (2005) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Ioan Gruffudd.

6.30 The Jump. The remaining contestants compete for a place in the final, battling it out in the air jump, an event that requires them to gain the most height during a ski jump. They then move on to the Giant Slalom – the fastest event in the competition, on a much longer and steeper course than previous slalom events. Presented by Davina McCall.

8.00 Rivers with Jeremy Paxman. The presenter explores the Severn, Britain's longest river, which flows through both England and Wales. Along the way, he explores the largest ship graveyard in the country, meets the last practitioners of an unusual form of fishing, and takes part in a coracle regatta. He finally reaches the source of the river, where he meets a local poet.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie follows a lead, Saul meets an old friend, and Keane takes a stand. Starring Claire Danes, Rupert Friend and Mandy Patinkin.

10.00 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)

11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the words-and-numbers quiz as Sean Lock and Henning Wehn compete against Jon Richardson and Victoria Coren Mitchell. (R)

12.00 Film: Broken City. (2013) A New York private eye hired to find out if the mayor's wife is having an affair discovers a web of political corruption. Crime thriller, with Mark Wahlberg and Russell Crowe. **2.00** The Last Leg. With Rob Delaney and Sharon Horgan. (R) **2.55** Under Lock and Key. The stories of families whose loved ones are locked away in hospitals. (R) **3.50** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. A pink property in Southend-on-Sea. (R) **4.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.55** Rupert Bear. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **7.25** Little Princess. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.20** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.50** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.20** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.50 Film:** The Fifth Element. (1997) **2.10 Film:** Spies Like Us. (1985) **4.10** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) **5.10** Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R)

6.05 Inside Windsor Castle. Documentary marking the centenary of the Windsor dynasty by examining the history of the royal residence over the past 80 years, beginning with the fire of 1992. (R)

7.00 Inside Windsor Castle. A look back at the series of events that shaped the monarchy between 1936 and 1952, using dramatic reconstructions and an extraordinary archive of film. (R)

8.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. New series. Cases include a woman with rental arrears of almost £3,000 after renting a house out, and a team investigates poor living conditions above a Birmingham shop.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Bruce Forsyth Story: From the Palladium to the Palace. New series. A look back at the entertainer's 75 years in showbiz, featuring candid interviews with Forsyth and contributions from biographers, colleagues and famous fans.

10.30 An Audience with Bruce Forsyth. The versatile veteran entertainer reveals his many talents in a feast of song and dance before a VIP audience, who quiz him about his remarkable career. (R)

11.35 Bruce Forsyth's Comedy Heroes. The entertainer discusses his favourite comics. (R)

12.35 Peter Kay: The Early Years. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.10** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) **4.00** When Kids Kill: Catfish Killer. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Sound of Song **8.00** Kiri Te Kanawa at the BBC **9.00 Film:** The Hunt (2012) **10.50** Sound Waves: The Symphony of Physics **11.50** Every Breath We Take: Understanding Our Atmosphere **12.50** Timeshift: Hurricanes and Heatwaves – The Highs and Lows of British Weather **1.45** Mumbai High: The Musical **2.50** Kiri Te Kanawa at the BBC **3.50** Close

ITV2
11.45 The Voice UK **1.00** 2Awesome: 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.40** 2Awesome: Fame High **2.05** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.30** 2Awesome: LA Story **2.50** You've Been Framed! Gold: Top 100 Holidays **3.50** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **5.25 Film:** King Kong (2005) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30 Film:** King Kong (2005) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Ibiza Weekender **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.45 Film: The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) **1.45** FYI Daily **1.50 Film:** The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) **2.35** Inspector Morse **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.55** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Carry On Forever **11.05 Film:** Carry On Camping (1969) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Carry On Camping (1969) **12.55** Inspector Morse **2.45** Wycliffe **3.40** May the Best House Win **5.25** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
12.45 Live Darts: UK Open. The quarter-finals at the Butlins Minehead Resort. **5.00** Pawn Stars **5.55** Fishing Impossible **7.00** Live Darts: UK Open. The semi-finals and final at the Butlins Minehead Resort. **11.00 Film:** Born to Raise Hell (2010) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Born to Raise Hell (2010) **12.55** The Football Mavericks **1.55** I Want That Car **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.00 The Jump **1.40 Film:** Step Up (2006) **3.40** The Goldbergs **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00 Film:** Unstoppable (2010) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00 Film:** The Grey (2011) **12.15** Celebs Go Dating **2.20** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.05** Gap Year **3.55** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 The First Film (2015) **1.25** Hugo (2011) **3.50** Carry On Behind (1975) **5.35** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) **7.15** Johnny English (2003) **9.00** Mr Turner (2014) **11.55** Cheap Thrills (2013) **1.40** Wrong Turn at Tahoe (2009) **3.30** Close

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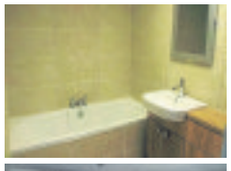

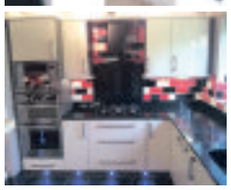
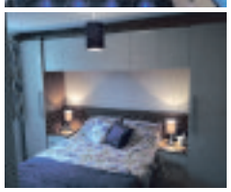

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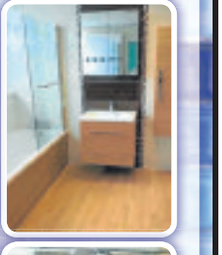

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra, Channel 5, 11.05pm
When a powerful experimental weapon is snatched by a mysterious terrorist organisation, two of the soldiers guarding it are recruited into a top-secret military strike force. As they go in search of the stolen technology, they uncover a plot by its creator to take over the world. Action adventure, with Channing Tatum and Sienna Miller. (2009)

TUESDAY
Deadly Pursuit, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An Alaskan wilderness guide visits a friend in LA, where he meets and falls in love with a well-off city girl. She clearly feels the same because when he returns home, she decides to follow him – only to come up against his ex-girlfriend and a sinister drug operation. Romantic thriller, starring KC Clyde. (2015)

WEDNESDAY
Two Wrongs, Channel 5, 3.20pm
Nurse and single mother Sarah struggles to balance her work and home life, but her worst nightmare is realised when her daughter Lauren is abducted while walking home alone from school and she faces a moral dilemma if she is to save her child. Thriller, starring Gillian Zinser. (2015)

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl, Friday, BBC1, 10.35pm

THURSDAY
Perfect Life, Perfect Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Four young women meet up at a school reunion, where they unearth a time capsule in which they buried their deepest, darkest secrets. Inside the box is a revelation that unlocks the mystery of a tragic death 10 years earlier. Thriller, starring Kacey Clarke. (2016)

FRIDAY
Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl, BBC1, 10.35pm
A buccaneer and a blacksmith commandeer a British ship and set sail in pursuit of a pirate captain who has kidnapped a colonial governor's daughter. However, their quarry and his crew are under a curse that turns them into living skeletons – and makes them impossible to kill. Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley and Geoffrey Rush. (2003)

Harry's new series is out of this world

Only a fevered imagination such as that belonging to Harry Hill could come up with the format of this extraordinary show.

Each week, two teams of celebrity guests are presented with an unusual task – to find a way of saving Earth from invasion and possible destruction by rogue aliens.

Often, when such a threat is depicted in a science fiction TV show or film, the extra-terrestrials seem to think they can take over the planet because humans are either a pushover or not worthy of their consideration – Hill wants to prove we're neither of those things by finding items that prove we are all good fun and therefore should be saved.

Along the way there are lots of gags, sketches and special guests who look on as amusing items are put forward for Hill's perusal – he ultimately decides what should be included in the Fun Capsule, and the more a team manages to have submitted, the more likely they are to win the game.

"It's great to be back on ITV with an all new format that finally tackles the problem of an imminent and prolonged war with space aliens, by proving to them that us humans are really a lot of fun to hang out with!" grins the comedian.

The channel's comedy commissioning editor Saskia Schuster adds: "We're really excited to have Harry back on ITV, and we're confident that the human race will be safe in his hands with this brand new panel show packed with laughs, silliness and of course, fun."

The keyword when it comes to this series is certainly 'silly,' but while some may think it's a derogatory term, it's actually used in its most positive sense here.

The world is a dark and scary place at the moment, and sometimes being able to forget our woes by just being plain daft is a wonderful thing, so Hill should carry on the good work as long as is humanly possibly!

Last week's opening edition was both bonkers and hilarious in equal measure, and there's no reason to think that this one won't be either. If anything, this week's promises to be even better thanks to an appearance by Kathy Burke; she rarely pops up on TV these days, so when she does, you know it's for something both close to her heart and worth tuning in for.

Although she has appeared in many dramatic roles, Burke remains best known for her comedy appearances alongside Harry Enfield, as well as Absolutely Fabulous, Gimme Gimme Gimme and Walking and Talking, a sitcom based on her own teenage experiences.

It's quite a coup to have tempted Burke back to TV – we suspect she may be a fan of Hill's and so keen to work with him.

She will be joined on the show by celebrity chef and TV personality Ainsley Harriott (will Percy Pepper and Susie Salt make it into the capsule? Stranger things have happened), comedian Joe Lycett and morning talk show host Lorraine Kelly.

PICK OF THE WEEK

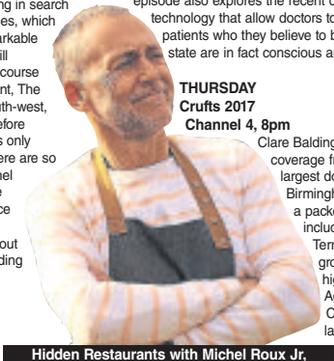
Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule, Thursday, ITV, 8.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Mutiny
Channel 4, 9pm
New series. Nine men recreate a voyage by William Bligh in 1789, when he and his loyal crewmen crossed 4,000 miles of the Pacific Ocean from Tonga to Timor after being cast adrift from HMS Bounty by mutinying seamen and left for dead. SAS: Who Dares Wins chief instructor Anthony Middleton is in charge of a crew of eight made up of sailors and complete novices, attempting the journey in a replica 23ft open wooden boat, with similar equipment and the same rations of food and water that Bligh's men had. Continues tomorrow.

TUESDAY
The Secret Life of the Zoo
Channel 4, 8pm
At Chester Zoo, Rothschild giraffe Tula is a week overdue after a 13-month pregnancy. But keepers are anxious that history could repeat itself - she gave birth to a stillborn calf last year. Cameras also follow this year's brood of penguin chicks. They are about to face the ordeal of joining the main pool, where they must compete for fish with the adult penguins. And baby silvery gibbon Eko learns how to swing between ropes - 50 feet up. All the keepers can do is watch anxiously from below.

WEDNESDAY
Hidden Restaurants with Michel Roux Jr
Channel 4, 8pm
It seems that for some chefs it's not quite enough to serve up new and unusual dishes – they want their restaurants to be out of the ordinary as well. In this new series, Michel Roux Jr is going in search of some of Britain's ësecret' eateries, which are hidden within some truly remarkable locations. He's hoping the visits will inspire him as he creates a three-course menu for his own hidden restaurant, The Oast House. He begins in the south-west, where he ventures into a forest before checking out a floating café that is only accessible by boat. It turns out there are so many of these hidden gems, Michel needs help finding them all, so he also recruits Freddy Bird, who once transformed a dilapidated lido in Bristol into a restaurant, to check out some other unlikely venues, including a Latin American 'bustaurant.'


Hidden Restaurants with Michel Roux Jr, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm

The House That £100K Built
BBC2, 8pm
Surgeon Gabriel Weston investigates the most complex and mysterious part of the human body, the brain, meeting with extraordinary people with seemingly superhuman abilities. Dr Weston meets Derek, a man who was suddenly able to play piano after a head injury, and Paul, who has a hereditary genetic condition which means he can't feel pain. This episode also explores the recent developments in technology that allow doctors to identify if patients who they believe to be in a vegetative state are in fact conscious and aware.

THURSDAY
Crufts 2017
Channel 4, 8pm
Clare Balding presents further coverage from the world's largest dog show at Birmingham NEC, where a packed programme includes judging of the Terrier and Hound groups and highlights of the Agility and Flyball. Clare also meets last year's Crufts winner Devon, who is competing in the Eukanuba World Challenge – a league of nations-style competition for top winners from different countries. Kate Beavan and Nim Patel team up to talk about dog health and welfare, Iwan Thomas reports on dog socialisation, and there's an appearance from cat-detection dog Molly.

FRIDAY
The Gadget Show
Channel 5, 7pm
Actor, presenter, voiceover man, comedian, DJ, poet and jungle inhabitant – is there anything Craig Charles cannot turn his hand to? For the next 12 weeks Charles will anchor the revamped Gadget Show from its new studio base in Birmingham. Tonight, the show's other new host, tech journalist Georgie Barrat, kicks off a series-long challenge in which she endeavours to see if gadgets can improve the performance of Monkey Tree FC – an amateur football team hovering near the bottom of Division Two of the East Midlands Public Authorities League. Jon Bentley finds out how snappy Samsung's new 360 camera is by testing it out at a 'wall of death,' filming motorcycles whizzing round a circular vertical wall at 40mph. Finally, Craig inboxes a brand-new Nintendo Switch, the much-hyped new games console, just one week after its worldwide launch.

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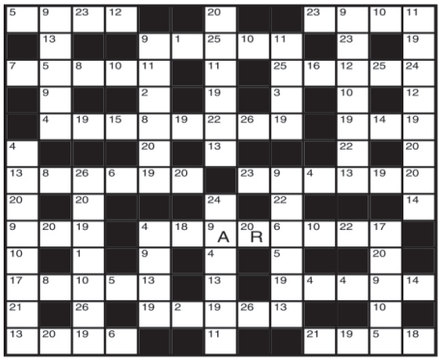

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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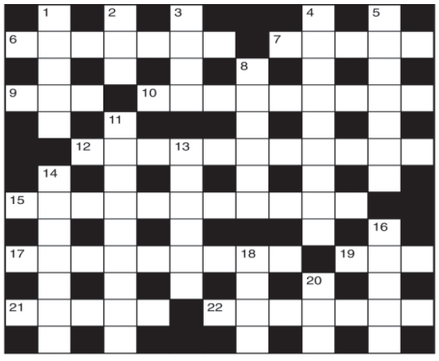
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Sole reinforcement (7)
7. Fish appears to be off! (5)
9. Animal found in decreasing numbers (3)
10. Holder of the post (6,3)
12. He tries to prevent ill-feeling among the crew (5,6)
15. Injury for which there is no earthly cure (6,5)
17. Eats in bar, perhaps, but he won't drink in one (9)
19. Howl for a type of rum (3)
21. Silly Annie gets confused (5)
22. Go ahead and give someone money (7)

Down

1. Certain to jump (5)
2. Close finish (3)
3. Asbestos should contain it (4)
4. They're a blend of the main races (9)
5. Its strength can be shown by proof (7)
8. The artist's sitting room (6)
11. It may give an edge to the news, possibly (9)
13. Wan friend takes cover (6)
14. Get together - for getting in the harvest (7)
16. Game that may come alight? (5)
18. A boy naturally opposed to the current trend (4)
20. He's had plenty of time to insulate the boiler (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Income (7)
7. Advance (3,2)
9. Purchase (3)
10. Solemnize (9)
12. Association (11)
15. Calligraphy (11)
17. Dilatory one (9)
19. Attempt (3)
21. Haste (5)
22. Seer (7)

Down

1. Confute (5)
2. Acquire (3)
3. Heal (4)
4. Stand for (9)
5. Include (7)
8. Vanquish (6)
11. Made by hand (9)
13. Numbness (6)
14. Unfeeling (7)
16. Hail (5)
18. Trouble (4)
20. Fitting (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Made to measure; 8 Interred; 9 Item; 10 Chilli; 12 Latest; 14 Spiced; 16 Mishap; 18 Odes; 20 Comedian; 22 Get on together. Down: 1 Pawn shop; 2 Reveal; 3 Four; 4 Pendulum; 5 Assist; 6 Free; 11 Indicate; 13 Seafarer; 15 Custom; 17 Sedate; 19 Diet; 21 Magi.
QUICK - Across: 7 Temperamental; 8 Funereal; 9 Role; 10 Barrel; 12 Cleave; 14 Lessen; 16 Tubing; 18 Pair; 20 Timorous; 22 Supplementary. Down: 1 Regulate; 2 Appear; 3 Urge; 4 Implicit; 5 Untrue; 6 Wail; 11 Lengthen; 13 Vanguard; 15 Stripe; 17 Berate; 19 Abut; 21 Meek.

Quiz

1. From which post did John Profumo resign in 1963?
2. Who wrote the allegory The Pilgrim's Progress?
3. In which country are the Pampas Plains?
4. Which bird is called the chickadee in America?
5. Of what is agaric a type?
6. By what name do we know Michel de Nostredame?
7. What is a quebracho?
8. Which sport contests the Pilkington Cup?
9. Which prominent politician was in the band Ugly Rumours in the 70s?
10. What type of bird is a condor?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Inuits; 2 Sir Anthony Hopkins; 3 USA and Great Britain; 4 Click beetle; 5 Puma; 6 George Foreman; 7 Canada; 8 Franklin D Roosevelt; 9 Italy; 10 Anatoly Karpov.

Niner: DOVETAILS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

6347 gives a bird,
9728 gives a second bird,
651172 gives a third bird.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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A real Gent – where would Olly go before a big night out?

EAT UP

Simple supper or fancy food, whatever tickles your tastebuds there's a dining destination to be found at Resorts World. But where would Olly go? We reckon he'd be up for a quick bite at TGI Friday's, with its American inspired fodder, it's grilling stuff. Think Chicken wings, Cajun shrimp, Jack Daniel's sesame mushroom strips and pulled pork sundae washed down with a bottle of Bud.

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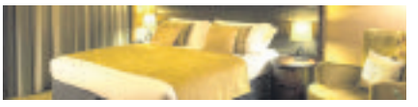

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The spacious well-appointed accommodation consists of an entrance hall, a lounge, a sitting room, a kitchen, a dining room, a guest WC, three bedrooms and a refitted luxury bathroom. Outside the property has an enclosed private rear garden, a driveway and a larger than average garage.

In more detail the entrance hall has oak flooring, stairs off and an under-stairs cupboard.

The sitting room is a versatile space, having a window to the front, oak flooring, a feature fireplace and French doors opening out to the rear garden.

The lounge is a warm and welcoming reception room with decorative ceiling beams and a gas fire set into a tiled hearth.

Featuring high gloss wall, base and drawer units, the kitchen comes with integrated appliances including an oven, hob, extractor hood, microwave, dishwasher and a washing machine. It also has tiled flooring and decorative ceiling beams. The dining room has laminate flooring while the guest WC has tiled flooring.

Off the first floor landing, double bedroom one overlooks the front, double bedroom two also overlooks the front and has a built-in wardrobe. Bedroom three has side views and a built-in wardrobe.

Featuring a heated chrome towel rail, the refitted luxury bathroom also has tiled flooring and tiled walls, spotlighting and a three-piece suite with a shower over the bath and a glass screen.

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- A three bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Conservatory
- Garden to rear
- Garage and driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£229,950

HEATH HAYES
BADGERS COURT
NEW

- A two bedroom first floor apartment
- Heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Alocated parking
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- EPC rating D

£104,995

HEDNESFORD
HEATH STREET
NEW

- A two bedroom traditional property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen, Utility
- Refitted family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Ideal first time buy, EPC rating D

£124,950

RUGELEY
EATON DRIVE

- A modern 3 storey house
- Modern open lounge/diner/kitchen
- Utility, Guest Cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Two further bedrooms
- Study/bedroom four
- Enclosed rear garden/garage
- EPC rating C

£160,000

HEDNESFORD
SHARON WAY

- A much improved three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Conservatory, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with built in wardrobes
- Refitted family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway and garage
- EPC rating E

£184,950

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Well presented three-bedroomed semi-detached property has refitted kitchen and bathroom

This well presented three-bedroomed semi-detached home in Catkin Walk, Rugeley, is for sale through JR Properties at £154,950.

It has an entrance hall, a lounge/dining room, a refitted kitchen, a landing, three bedrooms and a refitted bathroom.

There is also a detached garage and gardens.

In more detail the entrance hall has laminate flooring and stairs off, the

RUGELEY
£154,950

lounge/dining room has laminate flooring and French doors leading to the rear garden.

The refitted kitchen has a range of wall and base mounted high gloss units having work surfaces over, and which incorporate a built-in electric oven with a gas hob and extractor over.

There is also space with plumbing for a washing machine, tiled flooring and a door to the rear.

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Catkin Walk, Rugeley

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£154,950

Lower Fufin, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, on the sought after Hawksyard Estate, Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Bedroom One with En Suite,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking to front and Garden to rear

£167,950

Elizabethan Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this five bedroom detached property, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hall, Guest W.C,Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility.Two Bedrooms with En Suites, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive to Garage and Garden to rear

£275,000

Old Eaton Road, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow, being situated in a sought after location. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge / Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Conservatory, Bathroom and Separate w.c. Driveway to Garage and Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£244,950

West Butts Road, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented detached bungalow in a sought after location. The property has two reception rooms and two double bedrooms, kitchen and modern bathroom. There is a detached garage and gardens to the front and rear

£299,950

Talbot Street, Rugeley

- A traditional 1920's detached property situated in town centre location with good sized garden to rear. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway, Two Reception Rooms and Refitted Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Utility Room. Gardens to front and rear.

£239,950

Beechmere Rise, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this split level detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location.Having Hallway with landing to Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate w.c. Stairs down to Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Guest w.c. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

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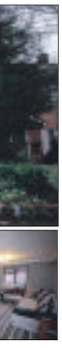


William Morris Court, Rugeley

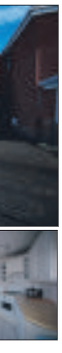
- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented mid terraced home ideal for FTB/Investment purchasers. Offered with the added benefit of No Upward Chain the property features include: hallway, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Gardens to front and rear also feature

£109,950

Larkholme Close, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two/ three bedroom extended detached home,within walking distance to Cannock Chase. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway to Carport and Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£219,950



Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached family home,on a corner plot with open aspect to front. Having Hallway, Guest W.C, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory and Breakfast Kitchen. Two Bedrooms with En Suite ,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£275,000

Sandy Lane, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this good sized three bedroom family home, withing walking distance to town centre. Having Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Downstairs Bathroom. Landing to Three Bedrooms and W.C. Gardens and Garage with off road parking to rear

£147,000

Hawkesmore Drive, Little Haywood

- JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom dormer bungalow, in a pleasant village location. Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory,Wet Room and Study.Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite and Two further Bedrooms.Drive to Garage and Good sized Garden to rear

£269,950

Lanehead Walk, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached property,located in a cul de sac close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway and Detached Garage with Garden to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£169,950

Church Lane, Armitage

- JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this executive detached family home being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN.Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom.Drive to Double Garage and Garden

£369,950

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached property, situated on a sought after development. Accommodation having Hallway, Guest w.c, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

£167,500

Heather Close, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom link detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Situated in a quiet cul de sac.Accommodation having Entrance Porch, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Inner Hallway,Two Bedrooms and Shower Room.Driveway to Carport/Garage and Garden to rear

£169,950

Lion Street, Rugeley

- "White Lion Inn" JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached family home dating from 1800 in town centre location. Having Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Study and Utility Room. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Four further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good sized garden and parking

£285,000

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached family home situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden. NO CHAIN

£210,000

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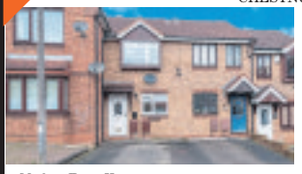
HEDNESFORD
COTTAGE CLOSE

- Stunning Family Home
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Utility
- Viewing Essential

£185,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CHESTNUT CLOSE

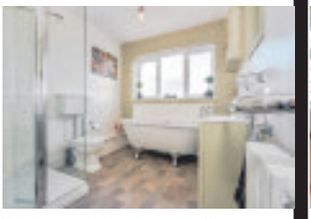


- Modern Town House
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Parking

£129,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD



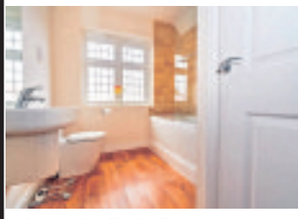
- Amazing Family Home
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Kitchen
- resented and heavily extended family home, situated in sought after location.

Briefly comprising; through hallway, lounge, sitting room, FABULOUS kitchen/dining/family room, utility room, guest WC, four bedrooms, bathroom and shower room. Externally

£490,000

NEW

CANNOCK
ELLIOTT DRIVE



- Outstanding Family Home
- Through Hallway, WC
- Lounge
- Fabulous Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- En-suite
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£237,950

NEW

HUNTINGTON
COLLIERS CLOSE

- Three Storey House
- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge,
- Guest WC.
- MODERN Breakfast Kitchen,
- Conservatory,
- Three Bedrooms,
- Family Bathroom.

£185,000

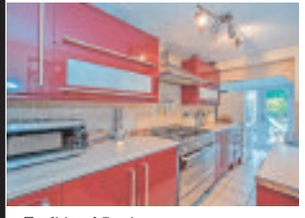
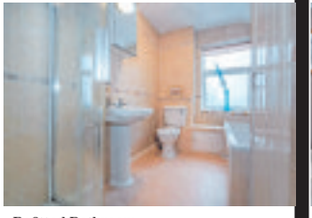
NEW

NORTON CANES
NEWBURY CLOSE

- Detached House
- Entrance Hallway
- Guest WC,
- Study/play room
- Through Lounge Diner
- Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedroom
- 2 En-Suites

Offers Over £250,000

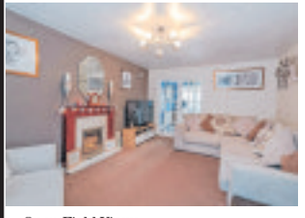
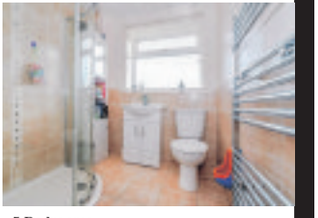
CANNOCK
HEATH GAP ROAD

- Traditional Semi
- Porch, WC
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

£135,000

HEDNESFORD
CHANCERY DRIVE

- Open Field Views
- Generous Extended
- Hallway
- Lounge. WC
- Kitchen/diner
- 5 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Generous Driveway

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• Town Centre Location • Dining Room
• 3 Bed Semi • Bathroom
• Lounge • Gardens
• Kitchen • No Chain
£140,000

NEW
HEDNESFORD
BELT ROAD

• Traditional Semi • 2 Double Bedrooms
• Lounge/Diner • Bathroom
• Refitted Kitchen • Rear Garden
• Conservatory • Parking
£125,000

NEW
HEATH HAYES
THE HEATH

• Modern Apartment and kitchen
• Secure Gated Access • Family Bathroom
• Through Hallway • 2 Bedrooms
• Open Plan lounge • Allocated Parking
£115,000

NEW
GREAT WYRLEY
SUNBEAM DRIVE

• Maisonette • Bathroom
• Lounge • Rear Garden
• Kitchen/Diner • Parking
• 3 Double Bedrooms • No Chain
£95,000

BRIDGTOWN
WATERBROOK WAY

• Modern Starter Home • 2 Bedrooms
• Hall • Bathroom
• Lounge • Parking
• Kitchen/Diner • Rear Garden
£125,000

CANNOCK
JOHN STREET

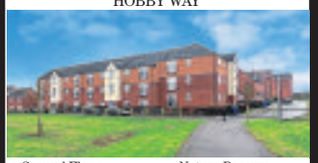
• 3 Bed Detached • Conservatory
• Porch, Hall • 3 Bedrooms
• Lounge/Diner • Bathroom
• Kitchen • Gardens, Garage
£174,950

GREAT WYRLEY
LOOM CLOSE

• 3 Storey End Town • 3 Bedrooms
• Lounge • En-Suite
• Kitchen/Diner • Garage & Driveway
• 2 Reception Rooms • Rear Garden
Offers Over £175,000

HEATH HAYES
CHARTERFIELD DRIVE

• Corner plot • Bathroom
• 3 Bed Detached • Garage Conversion
• Lounge • Garden
• Extended Kitchen • NO CHAIN
£209,950

HEATH HAYES
HOBBY WAY

• Ground Floor Nature Reserve
• Open Plan • 2 Bedrooms
Lounge/Kitchen • Bathroom
• Overlooking • Allocated Parking
£115,000

HEDNESFORD
RUGELEY ROAD

• 3 Bed Family Home • Refitted Kitchen
• Viewing Essential • Conservatory
• Through Hallway • Gardens, Driveway
• Lounge, Dining Room • Viewing Essential
£200,000

HEDNESFORD
ST.FRANCIS CLOSE

• 4 Bed Detached • Conservatory
• Hall, Guests WC • Bathroom
• Lounge, Dining Room • En-Suite
• Kitchen, Utility • Garage, Gardens
£279,950

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

• Ground Floor • Refitted Bathroom
• Open plan • Bedroom
• Lounge • Garden
• Kitchen • NO CHAIN
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Kitchen EPC Rating D
3 Bedrooms
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CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished Bathroom
Semi Detached GCH & DG
House Rear Garden
Lounge Parking
Kitchen EPC Rating C
3 Bedrooms
£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
CANNOCK
CONWAY ROAD

Unfurnished Bathroom
Semi Detached GCH & DG
House Garden
Lounge Parking
Kitchen EPC Rating E
3 Bedrooms
£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEDNESFORD
SHARON WAY

Unfurnished Bathroom
Semi Detached GCH & DG
House Rear Garden
Lounge Parking
Kitchen EPC Rating D
3 Bedrooms
£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
CANNOCK
HEDNESFORD STREET

Unfurnished 2 Bedrooms
Semi Detached Bathroom
House GCH & DG
Lounge Rear Garden
Dining Room Awaiting EPC
Kitchen Report
£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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WEDGES MILLS
THE MEADOWS

Unfurnished Guest WC
Town House GCH & DG
Lounge Rear Garden
Kitchen Parking
2 Bedrooms EPC Rating C
Bathroom
£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD

Unfurnished Gas Central
Terrace House Heating
Lounge Double Glazing
Kitchen Rear Garden
3 Bedrooms EPC Rating D
Bathroom
£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEATH HAYES
REMBRANDT CLOSE

Unfurnished Heating
Town House Rear Garden
Lounge Parking
Kitchen EPC Rating D
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
CANNOCK
CHALFONT COURT

Unfurnished Gas Central
First Floor Flat Heating
Lounge Double Glazing
Kitchen Parking
2 Bedrooms EPC Rating C
Bathroom
£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

Unfurnished Gas Central
First Floor Flat Heating
Lounge Double Glazing
Kitchen Parking
3 Bedrooms EPC Rating D
Bathroom
£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEATH HAYES
DEAVALL WAY

Unfurnished Bathroom
Semi Detached GCH & DG
House Rear Garden
Lounge Parking
Kitchen EPC Rating D
2 Bedrooms
£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished Gas Central
First Floor Flat Heating
Lounge Double Glazing
Kitchen Parking
2 Bedrooms EPC Rating C
Bathroom
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEDNESFORD
BEVERLEY HILL

Unfurnished Bathroom
Semi Detached GCH & DG
House Rear Garden
Lounge Parking
Kitchen EPC Rating E
2 Bedrooms
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEATH HAYES
CHAPEL STREET

Unfurnished 2 Bedrooms
Semi Detached Bathroom
House Gas Central
Lounge Heating
Dining Room Garden
Kitchen EPC Rating D
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEDNESFORD
RAILWAY VIEW

Unfurnished Heating
First Floor Flat Double Glazing
Open Plan Parking
Lounge Kitchen EPC Rating C
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEATH HAYES
APPLE WALK

Unfurnished Heating
First Floor Flat Protected Access
Lounge Parking
Kitchen EPC Rating D
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEDNESFORD
ST STEPHENS COURT

Unfurnished Heating
Ground Floor Flat Double Glazing
Lounge Parking
Kitchen EPC Rating D
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW
HEATH HAYES
HEDNESFORD ROAD

Unfurnished Gas Central
First Floor Flat Heating
Lounge Double Glazing
Kitchen Garden
3 Bedrooms EPC Rating D
Shower Room
£390 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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- Double glazed conservatory
- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
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- EPC rating E (52)

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- Impressive central reception hall
- Dining room/ bedroom 4
- Refitted kitchen and breakfast area
- Three double bedrooms
- Refitted cloakroom/ shower room
- Lounge
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Detached double width garage
- Double glazing and gas central heating
- EPC rating E (53)

£499,950 FREEHOLD

198 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

NO CHAIN

- Reception hall
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-On Garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating (F) 38

£239,950 FREEHOLD

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47 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Close To The Shoal Hill District Of Cannock Chase And Overlooking Greenbelt Farmland To The Front

- Lounge/dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen
- Lobby and shower room with WC
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage (limited length)
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (47)

£235,950 FREEHOLD

13 BIDEFORD WAY, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town Convenient for Facilities Close By

- Reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Refitted well equipped kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens and off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (58)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

8 WINDERMERE PLACE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Much Sought After Quiet Cul-De-Sac Convenient for Facilities at the Town Centre

- lounge and dining area
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility/rear porch
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Wellstocked gardens and built on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

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- Fully Double Glazed

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- 3 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Four double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Garage
- Well stocked gardens with stream
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

11 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town Convenient For Access To Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Built On Garage
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (51)

£219,950 FREEHOLD

11 WALHOUSE STREET, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER HOUSE INCORPORATING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Detached double width garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (42)

£220,000 FREEHOLD

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ARCHITECT DESIGNED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 4/5 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Built In 2013 and Eqipped To An Excellent Contemporary Design

- Canopy porch, reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/family room
- Luxury fitted breakfast kitchen
- Snug, orangery/ dining room & study/ bedroom five
- Utility room
- Four double bedrooms
- Three ensuite shower rooms & luxury family bathroom
- Fully double glazed & Gas fired central heating
- Solar heating for domestic hot water
- Sorry No pets, smokers DSS or sharers
- EPC rating C (78)

£1750pcm

6 BADGERS WAY, HEATH HAYES

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (60)

£600pcm

8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED MID MEWS HOUSE
Built To A High Specification Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre And Cannock Train Station

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: B (84)

£600pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating C (77)

£685pcm

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (71)

£525pcm

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Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

15 PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Guest cloaksroom with WC
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & ensuite bathroom
- Garden & gardens
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

£600.00pcm

282 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL MAINTAINED THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Enclosed porch & reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room/bedroom 4
- Refitted kitchen
- Inner lobby & guest cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms & refitted bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Garden & off road parking
- Sorry No DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating D (65)

£650pcm

8 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Newly installed kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Parking space
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (75)

£600 pcm

3 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: tbc

£550pcm

34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloaksroom with wc
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (46)

£695 pcm

33 POPLAR LANE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers or DSS allowed
- Pets considered
- EPC rating: C (69)

£700 pcm

3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY

WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Cellar
- Bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

5 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Security phone intercom & allocated parking
- No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (79)

£495pcm

17 PILLATON DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£675 pcm

NO.4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED LUXURY TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Much Sought After Development In The Shoal Hill District Of The Town Adjoining Cannock Chase

- Lounge/dining/kitchen area
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Luxury bathroom
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Security gated access
- Intruder alarm
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£725pcm

8 HATHERTON STREET, CHESLYN HAY

A SUPERB THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE HAVING UNDERGONE COMPLETE REFURBISHMENT
Located In Popular Residential Area With Easy Access to Cheslyn Hay High School

- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Gardens
- Completely redecorated and new flooring throughout
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating E (49)

£675pcm

KEEPERS LODGE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

A SUPERB FOUR BEDROOM LISTED DETACHED PROPERTY
Located At The Entrance Of The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- Dining/garden room
- Dining kitchen
- Guests cloakroom
- Ground floor bedroom with en-suite shower
- Cellar
- Three first floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Extensive off road parking, paddock & gardens
- No pets, smokers, DSS or sharers

£1750pcm

56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

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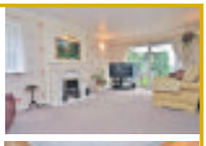


BEECHMERE RISE, ETCHINGHILL

A unique spacious accommodation. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing and comprises of Entrance Hall, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate W.C., Landing, Lounge with Snug, Dining Room, Kitchen and Storage/Utility. Integral Garage and Off Road Parking. Large Garden to Rear with Open Views. Viewing is recommended. EPC RATING - D

£252,500

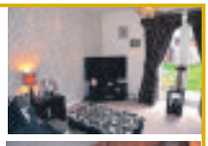
NEW

**COALPIT LANE
BRERETON**

This period cottage offers large accommodation with UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Hall, Sitting Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Snug/Study, Galley Kitchen, Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, one with En-suite plus a Bathroom. Parking leading to Triple Garage. Set in approximately one-third of an acre (not measured) EPC Rating - E

£360,000

NEW NO CHAIN



ST THOMAS WAY, HAWKSYARD

A well presented modern two bedroomed mid terraced property ideal first time buyer or as an investment property and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest W.C., Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear and Two Allocated Parking Spaces. EPC Rating - B

£139,995

NEW

BRINDLEY ROAD, HAWKSYARD

A modern three bedroomed detached family home on the popular Hawksyard Estate. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Inner Hallway and Guest W.C. First Floor Landing, Mater Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room, Two Additional Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage with Driveway and Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - C

£215,000

NEW NO CHAIN

**DOBREE CLOSE
COLWICH**

A first floor two bedroomed flat in a popular village location and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. EPC RATING - E

£110,000

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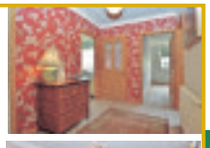

ROCKHOUSE DRIVE, GREAT HAYWOOD

A three bedroomed semi detached bungalow in a popular sought after village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Three Bedrooms and a Shower Room. Driveway with Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - D

£205,000

NEW NO CHAIN

**INGATHORPE ROAD
HAWKSYARD**

A modern one bedroomed first floor flat on the popular Hawksyard Estate, ideal for a first time buyer or investment and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Electric Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Shared Entrance Hall leading to Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom. Two Allocated Parking Spaces. EPC RATING - D

£89,995

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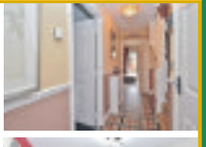

THE LINDENS, RUGELEY

A modern four bedroomed semi detached three storey house. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hallway, Kitchen Diner, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Master Bedroom and en-suite shower room. Garage with Off Road Parking. Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - C

£224,995

NEW

DELAFIELD WAY, ETCHINGHILL

A good size three bedroomed link detached family home in a popular and sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Carport and Driveway with Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - TBC

£185,000

NEW

**THE BEECHES
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed good size detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate W.C. Garage and Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - E

£209,000

NEW

RIDERS WAY, ETCHINGHILL

Originally a three bedroomed but currently used as a two bedroom this detached bungalow is in a popular and sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory and Inner Hallway. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive with Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - TBC

£230,000

NEW

**CHESTER ROAD
RUGELEY**

A spacious four bedroomed detached family home located in a popular location. UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Through Hallway, Guest W.C., Breakfast Kitchen, Office/Study, Lounge and Dining Room. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three additional Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway with Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - TBC ●PHOTO'S TO FOLLOW●

£265,000

**BONNEY DRIVE
RUGELEY**

A well presented modern four bedroomed detached family home, full details to follow.

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£260,000

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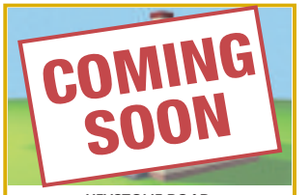

KEYSTONE ROAD
RUGELEY

A first floor flat within walking distance to Town Centre, full details to follow.

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£95,000

CANNOCK ROAD
HEDNESFORD

A two bedroomed mid terraced property ideal for investment or for a first time buyer is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Cental Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Lounge, Kitchen/Diner and Downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing and Two Bedrooms. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - D

£94,950

WINSTANLEY PLACE
RUGELEY

A one bedroomed ground floor flat in need of upgrade and refurbishment. Side Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom and Bathroom. Communal garden area. Communal parking. EPC RATING - C

£60,000

SHERINGHAM DRIVE
ETCHINGHILL

Spacious detached property in popular location. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Shower room. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Garage. Gardens to Front and rear.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D. DEPOSIT £913

£675 pcm

WHARF ROAD
RUGELEY

Modern mid townhouse, three storey property. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen with some appliances, Lounge. First floor having two Bedrooms and family Bathroom. Second floor with master Bedroom & En-suite. Garden to front and rear with 2 allocated parking spaces. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C. DEPOSIT £1004

£725 pcm

HEDNESFORD ROAD
RUGELEY

A modern ground floor apartment in a purpose built development located within walking distance to local amenities and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. En-suite to Master Bedroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

£120,000

ARDEN WALK
HANDSACRE

A first floor two bedroomed spacious flat within walking distance to the local amenities. UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off-road parking. NO UPWARD CHAIN, EPC RATING - D

£80,000

HEDNESFORD ROAD
RUGELEY

A Modern ground floor apartment ideal for first time buyer or investor and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. En-suite to Master Bedroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

£105,000

CHAPEL MEWS
BLACKFORDS, CANNOCK

Well presented PART FURNISHED first floor flat comprising of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen, One Bedroom and Shower Room. Electric Heating and Double Glazing. A number of energy saving improvements have been made to the property. Off Road Parking. Communal area at rear. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS. DEPOSIT £600

£435 pcm

CHAPEL MEWS
BLACKFORDS, CANNOCK

Well presented first floor flat comprising of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen, One spacious double Bedroom and Shower Room. Electric Heating and Double Glazing. A number of energy saving improvements have been made to the property. Off Road Parking. Communal area at rear. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS. DEPOSIT £623

£450 pcm

WOLSELEY ROAD
RUGELEY

A modern second floor apartment in a purpose built development offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN . Electric Heating and Double Glazing. Comprising of Communal Entrance Hall, Second Floor Landing. Reception Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Master with En-Suite Shower Room, One Further Bedroom plus Bathroom. Allocated Parking. Viewing Recommended. EPC Rating - E

£117,500

EAST BUTTS ROAD, ETCHINGHILL

Located in the desirable area of Etchinghill this individually designed detached. UPVC double-glazed and gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Family Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility Room. Landing, Four Bedrooms one with En-suite plus Family Bathroom. Garden to front and rear. SINGLE GARAGE. EPC Rating - D

£415,000

CRABTREE WAY
ETCHINGHILL

Three Bedroom semi-detached property in sought after location. Entrance Hall, Kitchen with some appliances, Lounge and Conservatory. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear and off road parking to front. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. DEPOSIT £830

£600 pcm

BRERETON HOUSE
BRERETON

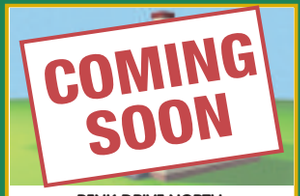
Well presented first floor apartment in Grade 2 Georgian Building. Accommodation comprises of Communal Entrance Hall with security access, Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. GCH. Communal Gardens. Garage in Block at Rear. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating - E. DEPOSIT £760

£550 pcm

WEST BUTTS ROAD, ETCHINGHILL

This beautifully presented four bedroomed detached home. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Dining Room. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with En-suite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Integral Garage with Driveway and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - B

£399,995



PENK DRIVE NORTH
ETCHINGHILL

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£575 pcm

YORK CLOSE
RUGELEY

A Modern Ground Floor Apartment situated on popular housing development. Accommodation comprises Entrance Porch, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, One Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Double glazing and storage heating. Allocated Parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C. DEPOSIT £580

£420 pcm

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Beech Court, Mount Street
£112,950

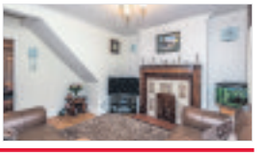
CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom semi-detached property located in Hednesford.

The property briefly comprises of hall, lounge, kitchen / diner, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom and garden.

Energy rating: awaited.

Church Street, Cannock
£135,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, modern fitted bathroom with wash hand basin, bath and WC and on the first floor three double bedrooms. Externally to the front there is a paved entrance courtyard, double gated shared access to the rear which is block paved. To the rear there is a driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles and enclosed private garden with a paved entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: E.



Boswell Road, Cannock
£135,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: D.

Balmoral Drive, Hednesford
£162,500

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this two bedroom semi-detached bungalow located in Hednesford with NO CHAIN. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge with through conservatory, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom, driveway providing off road parking and garage. Having AMPLE PARKING, the property benefits from having a block paved driveway providing generous parking. There is also SECURE ACCESS VIA DOUBLE GATES for a large vehicle or perhaps a caravan. Energy rating: E.

Stag Crescent, Norton Canes
£165,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Norton Canes, near to Norton Canes Primary & High School, shops and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, family lounge and dining area, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms all of a good size, bathroom with shower, bath, wash hand basin and WC. Externally to the front the property provides parking for multiple vehicles, access into garage through double doors, secure gated side access to the rear and also to the side PVC double glazed door in to the garage. To the rear there is a paved entertaining patio area, separate lawn area with various shrubs and trees amongst. Energy rating: E.

Sutherland Road, Cheslyn Hay
£169,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Cheslyn Hay. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, porch, lounge / diner, kitchen, sun lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C.

Bridges Crescent, Norton Canes
£170,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front garden, rear garden, block paved driveway providing off road parking and garage. The property also benefits from having solar panels. Energy rating: B.

Cannock Road, Cannock
£170,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property in Cannock. The property comprises of entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, and garage. Energy rating: E.

The Ridings, Cannock
£170,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom end-terrace property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance, hallway, kitchen, lounge, downstairs WC, three bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom, front garden, rear garden and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: awaited.

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Littleworth Road, BRAND NEW BUILD
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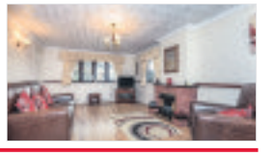
DETACHED, Nelson Drive
£230,000



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow located in Wimblebury, Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms with a third possible bedroom or dining room, bathroom and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: D.

Bentons Lane, WITH LAND
£320,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached house located in Great Wyrley. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, 2nd reception room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom and loft room with sky light windows and lighting. Externally there is a long winding graveled driveway providing parking for several vehicles, with adjacent land to the side that has planning permission for a seperate three bedroom detached dwelling. Energy rating: awaited.

Condor Grove, Heath Hayes
£255,000

Internal inspection is highly recommended on this tastefully decorated, well maintained detached family residence, set in a corner plot of a cul-de-sac the property comprises of entrance porch to hall, lounge, dining area, study, kitchen, utility, conservatory, guest cloaks, four bedrooms and family bathroom, private attractive rear gardens and to the front is ample off road parking with gardens and garage. Energy Rating: D.

Marigold Close, Heath Hayes
£269,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 4 bedroom semi-detached property located in Heath Hayes. The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: awaited.

Wolverhampton Road, Wedges Mills
£280,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 3 / 4 bedroom property located in Wedges Mills. The property comprises of side entrance, entrance hall, shower room, lounge, study, two kitchens, four bedrooms - one could be used as a further reception room, cloakroom / boot room, downstairs bathroom, utility and WC, garage and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: D.

Poplar Lane, Cannock
£290,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear entrance hall, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: E..

Turf Close, Norton Canes
£335,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen / diner, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: D.

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Ansty Drive
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom detached house / Well established and sought after residential area / Larger than normal end plot / Good sized lounge

£200,000

Partridge Close
HEATH HAYES

Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac within a sought after modern development / Modern fitted open plan dining kitchen / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation

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£170,000

Stagborough Way
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom detached house / Set on a corner plot / Spacious lounge / Open plan dining kitchen / UPVC conservatory

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HEDNESFORD

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Pheasant Way
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Wolverhampton Road
CANNOCK

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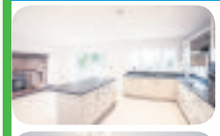

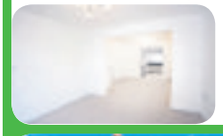

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- Garage & Extensive Gardens

£595,000

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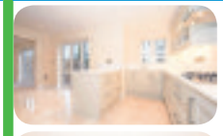

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- EPC - D

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- Breakfast Kitchen
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- Popular Development

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- Three Bedroom
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- Conservatory
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage

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- Dining Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
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- Cul-de-sac Location
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- Conservatory
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- Detached Garage/Workshop
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- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

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Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

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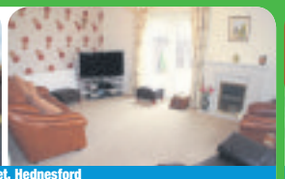

George Street, Hednesford

- Detached Bungalow
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- Impressive Corner Plot
- Double Garage
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- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Landscaped Gardens
- No Upward Chain

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- Mixed Commercial/Residential
- Three Bed Accommodation
- Established Retail Premises
- Generous Floor Space
- Convenient Location
- Viewing A Must

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- Lounge & Conservatory
- Detached Garage
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- Ground floor apartment
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Modern Style bathroom
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Blackfords Court, Cannock

- Second floor apartment
- Spacious lounge
- Open plan kitchen/lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Available mid March 17.

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Sandpiper Close, Hednesford

- Semi detached home
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Kitchen with dining area
- Two bedrooms
- Electric heating
- Available now.

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Bromley Close, Hednesford

- Modern family home
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen with cooker & hob
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Downstairs wc

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Rosebay Meadows, Heath Hayes

- Semi detached home
- Lounge & conservatory
- Kitchen with cooker
- Two bedrooms
- Parking
- Available soon

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Chase Suites

- Modern part furnished apartment
- Spacious living room
- Open plan kitchen with some appliances
- Double bedroom Shower room
- Double glazing
- Electricity and water included

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Evergreen Heights, Hednesford

- Modern semi detached house
- Spacious lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & garage
- Available March 2017

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Tudor Close, Burntwood

- Family Home
- Through Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

£695pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

Hawbush Road, Walsall

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- Kitchen with cooker & hob
- Living room & Study
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking

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- Modern semi-detached property
- Spacious lounge
- Contemporary Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Available March 17

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- Reception Hall
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms

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Longford Road, Cannock

- Semi detached family home
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge & dining room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
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Teddesley Way, Cannock

- Modern semi detached home
- Breakfast/kitchen
- Lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway

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Littlewood Road, Cheslyn Hay

- Semi detached cottage
- Lounge with log fire
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Two double bedrooms
- Downstairs bathroom
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- Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
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- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
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- _Fabulous Detached House
- _Superb Location
- _Immaculate Interiors
- _Conservatory
- _En-Suite to Master
- _Covered Entertainment Area
- _EPC Rating to follow

4 2

Great Wyrley Office - £380,000

GREAT WYRLEY, STATION ROAD

- Impressive detached property
- One bedroom annexe
- Good sized overall plot
- 3 receptions, guest WC
- Breakfast kitchen with pantry
- Driveway parking, garage
- EPC rating E

4 3

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Burntwood Office - £375,000

BURNTWOOD, CHASE ROAD

- Unique detached cottage
- Two receptions, kitchen
- Two bedroom annexe
- Substantial rear garden
- Swimming pool, log cabin
- Courtyard, double garage
- EPC rating D

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £350,000

SHARESHILL, 'POLLY COTTAGE'

- Impressive semi detached house
- Semi - rural location
- Good overall plot
- Open plan kitchen / family room
- Utility, guest WC, conservatory
- Detached double garage
- EPC rating D

3 2

Burntwood Office - £325,000

BURNTWOOD, ELDER LANE

- Impressive detached house
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen, conservatory
- Front & rear gardens
- Garage, driveway, workshops
- No upward chain
- EPC rating to follow

4 2

Burntwood Office - £325,000

RUGELEY, OAKLANDS CLOSE

- Unique detached family residence
- Three reception rooms
- Two kitchens
- Conservatory overlooking the rear garden
- Garage, ample off road parking
- delightful views to the rear
- EPC Rating D

4 3

Burntwood Office - £300,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Executive family home
- Extensive rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- Open plan living
- Sought after location
- Delightful views to the front
- EPC Rating E

4 2

Great Wyrley Office - £275,000

GREAT WYRLEY, HILTON LANE

- Spacious detached property
- Extended family accommodation
- Lounge, kitchen, guest WC
- Family room, conservatory
- Neatly maintained gardens
- Driveway parking
- EPC Rating D

4 1

Burntwood Office - £270,000

HAMMERWICH, PINGLE LANE

- Superb semi-detached house
- Rural village location
- Countryside views
- Immaculate fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Separate WC
- EPC rating E

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £255,000

GREAT WYRLEY, JULIAN CLOSE

- Fabulous detached residence
- Sought after village location
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Light & spacious lounge
- Superb kitchen / diner
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating E

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £250,000

GREAT WYRLEY, JOHNS LANE

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Fully refursbished interiors
- Two reception rooms
- Superb fitted kitchen
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £225,000

GREAT WYRLEY, OLDE HALL LANE

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Prime village location\
- Lounge, kitchen
- Conservatory
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

3 1

Burntwood Office - £210,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Spacious family home
- Generous rear garden
- Delightful views to the front
- Good size bedrooms
- Plenty of potential
- Sought after location
- EPC rating D

3 1

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Burntwood Office - £180,000

NORTON CANES, HILL STREET

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Loft conversion
- No onward chain
- EPC rating D

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £179,950

CHESLYN HAY, GLENTHORNE DRIVE

- Well presented semi
- Prime village location
- Through lounge / diner
- Kitchen, breakfast room
- Conservatory
- Superb rear garden
- Driveway & garage
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £169,950

CHESLYN HAY, QUEEN STREET

- Superb semi-detached house
- Quiet village location
- Far reaching views
- Spacious lounge, kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Driveway parking
- EPC Rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £159,950

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Superb period semi
- Spacious accommodation
- Lounge, dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Long rear garden
- Outbuilding with power supply
- EPC rating E

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £157,950

CHESLYN HAY, WESTBOURNE AVENUE

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Popular village location
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen / dining room
- Driveway parking / garage
- No upward chain
- EPC Rating D

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £132,000

CHESLYN HAY, COPPICE LANE

- Mid-terraced period property
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, guest WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Garden
- No upward chain
- EPC rating E

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £129,950

CHESLYN HAY, VALLEY GREEN

- Superb end-terraced house
- Ideal first time / investor buy
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Lounge, modern fitted kitchen
- Off road parking
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating D

2 1

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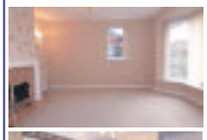
Great Wyley

New



Olde Hall Lane

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms

Butters John Bee are delighted to be offering for sale this attractive detached bungalow which is situated in Great Wyrley, a popular residential area with local amenities nearby. In brief the accommodation consists of a entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms and bathroom. Externally the property boasts a good sized driveway and an enclosed rear garden.

£225,000 EPC=D

Cannock

New Price

Dorney Place

- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Room & Kitchen
- Driveway & Garage

£220,000 EPC=B

Heath Hayes

New

Peregrine Way

- Modern Town House
- Re-Designed Layout
- Stunning Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms

£200,000 EPC=C

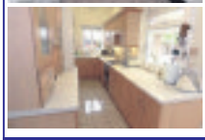
Cannock

New

Pye Green Road

- Period Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Conservatory
- Large Driveway & Garage

Butters John Bee are delighted to be offering for sale this stunning period detached house. The house is situated in a popular residential area which provides easy access to Cannock town centre and local amenities including shops, schools and leisure facilities. In brief the spacious accommodation consists of an enclosed porch, entrance hall, lounge, large conservatory, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, large driveway, garage and a private enclosed rear garden.



£220,000 EPC=D

Norton Canes

New

Burntwood Road

- Modern Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Driveway & Garage

£237,950 EPC=TBA

Cannock

New Price

Pye Green Road

- Detached Family Home
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Three Bedrooms

£187,500 EPC=D

Cannock

New

Wordsworth Close

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Driveway & Garden

£149,995 EPC=D

Cannock

New

Wilton Close

- Modern End Terraced
- Spacious Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Parking Spaces

£140,000 EPC=TBA

Hednesford

View Street
•Detached House•Very Well Presented
•Four Bedrooms•Double Entry Driveway

£295,000 EPC=D

Hednesford

No Chain

Hill Top
•Executive Detached House•New Build
•Living Room•Four Bedrooms

£290,000 EPC=B

Hednesford

No Chain

Hill Top
•Executive Detached House•New Build
•Four Bedrooms•Kitchen & Laundry

£280,000 EPC=B

Rawnsley

New

Littleworth Road
•Terraced House•Lounge & Snug
•Kitchen & Parking•Two Bedrooms

£124,995 EPC=D

Hednesford

New

Greenwood Park
•Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
•Play Room & Guest WC•Kitchen & Utility Room

£210,000 EPC=D

Rawnsley

New

Littleworth Road
•Detached Bungalow•L-Shaped Lounge/Diner
•Driveway & Garage•Three Bedrooms

£190,000 EPC=D

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Hednesford

New

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•Kitchen/Dining Room•Conservatory

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Great Wyrley

New

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- 1 Bed Flat
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- NO DSS/PETS

£400 pcm

WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed GFF
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Elec Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ Pets

£425 pcm

APPLE WALK HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed Town House
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Front Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/PETS

£525 pcm

HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

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NEW

Town Centre
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2 Bed End Terraced
Lounge, Kitchen
Conservatory
Allocated Parking
Energy Rating D
NO DSS OR PETS

£595 pcm

HORSESHOE DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

- 2 Bed Mid Town House
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Guest WC
- GCH/DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating B
- NO DSS/PETS.

£595 pcm

BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid Room
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower
- GCH, DG, Gardens
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£625 pcm

STAGBOROUGH WAY, HEDNESFORD

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens & Drive
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£625 pcm

WALNUT DRIVE, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Carport & Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£650 pcm

SHAKESPEARE ROAD, CHASE TERRACE

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room & WC
- GCH, DG
- Gardens, Driveway
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£700 pcm

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

- A Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking At Rear
- Town Centre Location

£105,000 No Chain

GLENMORE AVENUE, BURNTWOOD

NEW

- A Well Presented Mid Town House
- Entrance Porch
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£109,950

BROAD STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Family Lounge, Dining- Sitting Room
- Extended Modern Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Good Sized Garden
- Viewing Essential

OIEO £110,000

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

NO CHAIN

- Immaculately Presented Apartment
- Security Entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open-Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking

£118,000

MELBOURNE ROAD, HEATH HAYES

NO CHAIN

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hallway
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

£129,950

BLAKE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

NEW

- A Superbly Presented End Town House
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge
- Impressive Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Gardens & Driveway

£130,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW

- A Spacious Semi Det House
- Entrance Hall & Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge-Diner
- Conservatory
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens & Driveway

£135,000 No Chain

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

REDUCED

- Well Presented and Spacious Semi Det House
- Through Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Guest WC & Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms & Family Bathroom

£135,000

CHARTERFIELD DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- A Very Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£139,950

MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD

- A Spacious Semi Det House
- Hall / Guest WC
- Family Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Gardens / Ample ORP

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OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW

- Traditional Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Family Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Family Room/ Bedroom Five
- Four First Floor Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking, Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

£165,000

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

REDUCED

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£169,995

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

REDUCED

Viewing Essential

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£199,995

ST GEORGE DRIVE, RAWNSLEY

NEW

- A Delightful Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Entrance Porch/Hallway
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility & Guest WC
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

£220,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

NEW

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£225,000

PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Home
- Through Hallway & Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory & Family Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Luxury Re-Fitted Ensuite & Family Bathroom

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NO CHAIN

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- EPC = D

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- Lounge & Open Plan Kitchen
- Conservatory & Downstairs WC
- Four Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- EPC = TBC

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- Two Bedrooms
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- EPC = D

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£110,000

- First Floor Maisonette
- Spacious 20ft Lounge Diner
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Ensuite Shower Room
- Must Be Viewed
- EPC = B

Kielder Close, Heath Hayes

£140,000

- Extended Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Stylish Kitchen & Bathroom
- Extended Lounge Diner
- Cul De Sac
- EPC =TBC

Whitby Way, Cannock

£125,000

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Lounge
- Gardens Front & Rear
- EPC = TBC

New Penkridge Road, Cannock

£110,000

- First Floor Apartment
- Popular Town Centre Location
- Two Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Ideally suited for a First Time Buyer
- EPC = TBC

Littleworth Road, Hednesford

£124,995

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Rear Parking & No Chain
- EPC =TBC

Grouse Way, Heath Hayes

£170,000

- Modern Mews Style House
- Three Bedrooms & Ensuite
- Breakfast Kitchen & Lounge Diner
- Downstairs Guest WC
- Ample Driveway & Garage
- EPC = C

Dundalk Lane, Cheslyn Hay

£190,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gardens, Parking and Garage
- EPC = D

Pye Green Road, Cannock

£215,000

- Superb Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge Diner & Well Styled Kitchen
- Must be Viewed
- EPC = E

Woodstock Drive, Huntington

£189,995

- Link Detached House
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Attached 34ft Garage & Driveway
- Viewing Essential
- EPC = D

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- EPC = D

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- Stylish Modern Kitchen
- Impressive 14ft Conservatory
- En suite Shower Room
- EPC = B

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- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Impressive Lounge Diner
- Shower Room and Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended
- EPC = TBC

Church Street, Bridgtown

£119,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen &
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor WC
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC = D

Wellington Drive, Cannock

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- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge & Utility Room
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Upstairs Shower Room
- EPC = D

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ONE BEDROOM	EPC B

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THREE BEDROOMS	EPC C

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DETACHED PROPERTY	REAR GARDEN
THREE BEDROOMS	INTEGRAL GARAGE
LOUNGE/DINER	EPC C

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GARAGE	KITCHEN/DINER
FOUR BEDROOMS	AWAITING EPC

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FIVE BEDROOMS	EPC D

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EN SUITE	EPC D

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All-new Toyota Prius model to cost less than outgoing

The all-new Toyota Prius Plug-in offers customers much more in terms of advanced technology, equipment, safety features and driving rewards than the original model that it's replacing. Those benefits now extend to a lower price tag as well, with a reduction in on-the-road prices prior to the car's official on-sale date.

Grant

Toyota has been able bring down the price of both the Business Edition Plus and Excel models by £3,200. Factoring in the £2,500 available for new car purchases through the UK Government's plug-in vehicle grant scheme, the new range is now available to customers from just £29,195 – more than £2,000 less than the cost of the previous Prius Plug-in.

The Prius Plug-in marks a further development of Toyota's world-leading hybrid technology, benefiting from a new Dual Motor EV Drive system and a higher capacity lithium-ion battery to double its emissions-free electric driving range to more than 30 miles.

The car can also be driven at higher speeds using just its electric power and the recharging process is more rapid – as little as two hours for a full charge.

Built on the same new Toyota New Global Architecture platform as the latest, fourth generation Prius, the plug-in hybrid delivers much-improved ride and handling.

Equipment specifications are high, with both versions being equipped with Toyota Touch 2 with Go infotainment and navigation, colour head-up display, auto-dimming, auto-retracting door mirrors, heated front seats and world-first gas-injection heat pump air conditioning.

All-new Toyota Prius Plug-in

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Rugged-looking Logan Stepway

Dacia has revealed its new Logan Stepway estate, which will rival the Seat Leon X-Perience and Volkswagen Golf Alltrack.

The newcomer boasts increased ground clearance and off-road inspired styling tweaks, including a skid plate and fog lights on the front bumper.

The Logan also gets the latest-generation front end lifted from its Sandero sibling and headlights with LED daytime running lights.

Colours

At the rear, the Stepway has black-trimmed tail lights, a two-tone bumper and a rear skid plate.

Just two colours are available for the Stepway, with the Azurite Blue seen in these paint jobs complemented by a grey-brown shade called Mink.

The cabin has also been upgraded, with Dacia's new four-spoke steering wheel and upholstery taken from the Sandero Stepway.

Just one trim will be available – the high-spec Laureate – and satellite navigation, rear parking sensors and air conditioning all come as standard. Customers can add leather upholstery, a reversing camera and seat height adjustment.

Off-road inspired styling tweaks

Customers will also be able to choose between two engines: one petrol and one diesel.

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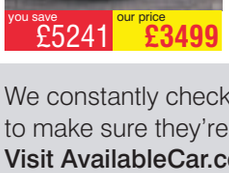

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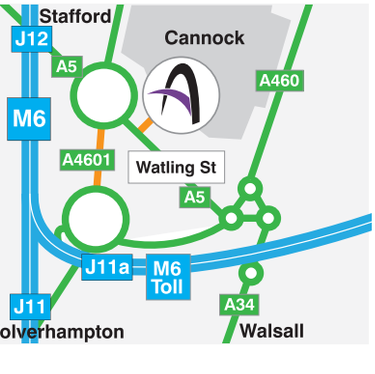

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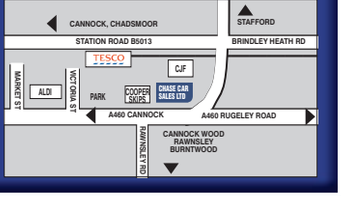

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Swift dualjet is almost the perfect car for city driving

The Swift gets a revised front bumper and grille

By Antony Martyn

Is there a more underrated supermini available on the UK market than the Suzuki Swift? We don't think so.

Suzuki has long adhered to this mantra, developing cars that offer what you need and not a whole lot extra, with prices reflecting that fact. Its Swift model has come through a number of iterations and by now, you might expect it to have gone all polished and upmarket, but it still feels peppy and infectious like superminis always used to. That is a good thing.

If you buy a Swift that's anything other than a 1.6-litre Sport model, these days you'll probably want it to be powered by a 1.2-litre Dualjet petrol engine. This powerplant is also a very good thing.

The bad news first. The Dualjet engine actually develops less power than the older 1.2-litre engine Suzuki offers, peak power dipping slightly from 94 to 90PS. There is an upside in the fact that torque creeps up a bit from 118Nm at 4800rpm to 120Nm at 4000rpm which is key. Making the peak torque figure 800rpm lower in the rev range means the Dualjet engine actually feels a good deal more muscular and you won't need to be quite so heavy on the accelerator pedal to get it shifting. It's still not exactly concussive in its acceleration, getting to 62mph in 12.3 seconds, but numbers don't always tell you everything.

One option worth considering is the 4x4 drivetrain

The bald stats don't do anything to convey how much fun the Swift is to drive. They don't give you a clue as to how light and direct the manual transmission is, how effortless yet faithful the steering is or how that lightweight engine helps create a front end that just loves to be thrown at a corner. Drive one and you can't help but feel that this is almost the perfect small car for cities, with just about enough suspension compliance to cope with city streets without ruining the perky handling.

Out on the motorway, the Swift can feel a little out of its comfort zone, with some road noise filtering in and the steering, which is so good in town, feels a bit lighter than perhaps you'd like. That said, it's been designed for a purpose and it does that job really well. One option worth considering for country dwellers is the 4x4 drivetrain. Fit an appropriate set of winter tyes and you'll be surprised by just how far this car can get.

Like the rest of the Swift range, this SZ4 gets the latest styling refreshments including a revised front bumper and grille and silver detailing to the lower front bumper. For added safety and style, an LED high level brake lamp has been added. The interior design has been given some thought too, with better quality seat fabric featuring black as its keynote colour, with lined accents of blue and grey.

The fascia remains very driver focused, with a trio of overlapping dials in the instrument binnacle and a tapered centre console that draws the eye to the gear lever that marshals the five-speed manual transmission.

Prices for the Dualjet 1.2-litre SZ4 model start at around £12,700 and that buys you a five-door car with a manual gearbox. The Swift isn't a car that majors on a lot of luxuries, but this SZ4 trim doesn't do too badly for kit. It gets cruise control, a steering column that adjusts for rake as well as reach, satellite navigation, a DAB radio, a hill hold feature if you choose the auto version, dusk-sensing headlights, auto air conditioning, rear privacy glass and 16-inch alloy wheels.

The Dualjet engine features twin injectors for improved fuel economy with 65.7mpg on the EC combined fuel consumption cycle. Another benefit of this technology are reduced CO2 emissions meaning that this model is exempt from VED charges. Based on an annual mileage of 12,000 miles, that means you'll save around £150 in fuel per year alone. All these figures assume you've chosen the 2WD mdel. Opt for four driven wheels and you can expect to take a few per centage points off these figures.

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There's a new design outside and on the interior

All-new Picanto city car majors on total package

The all-new Kia Picanto city car has been revealed to European media for the first time today ahead of its public debut at the Geneva International Motor Show next week.

Now in its third-generation, the new Kia Picanto brings a new, more youthful and energetic character to the A-segment. Boasting an assertive new design and a high-quality, high-tech new cabin, the latest model also offers buyers greater potential for customisation and promises to be the most versatile car in its class.

The new Picanto will be powered by one of three petrol engines, including Kia's new 1.0-litre turbocharged gasoline direct injection (T-GDI) power unit. When the new 1.0-litre T-GDI engine goes on sale during Q4 2017, it will be the most powerful engine ever offered in the Picanto, and the first time this car has offered a turbocharged petrol engine.

Michael Cole, chief operating officer of Kia Motors Europe, said: "The Picanto is one of Kia's best-selling models around the world, and has a particularly strong fan base here in Europe.

"Our European customers have told us that they

The new Picanto has a more assertive stance

love the design of the outgoing Picanto. They love its low running costs, its compact dimensions for city driving, and the high level of equipment available for the money. The new model retains these strengths, and now offers a new level of dynamism and performance, as well as introducing the latest technologies for in-car connectivity and enhanced safety. For these reasons we are confident that the new Picanto will help us further build our profile and market share in this very competitive segment."

Worldwide, more than 1.4 million of the current-generation Picanto have been sold since it was launched in 2011, with more than 300,000 of those sold in Europe. Despite the car approaching the end of its lifecycle in showrooms, Kia sold more than 55,000 Picanto models in Europe in 2016, representing year-on-year sales growth of three per cent.

The all-new Picanto has been created by Kia's design centres in Namyang, Korea and Frankfurt, Germany, collaborating to design a youthful, energetic look.

Briefed to produce an innovative, bold and fun-looking urban city car, designers have followed up on the mandate to full effect, giving the new Picanto a more assertive stance with bolder body lines.

The all-new Picanto will offers buyers greater potential for customisation than ever before, with a choice of 11 vibrant paint finishes designed to make the car stand out. Among the six new colours available to buyers is 'Lime Light', 'Shiny Red', 'Aurora Black' 'Pop Orange', 'Sparkling Silver' and 'Celestial Blue' pearlescent metallic paint finishes. The Picanto is fitted with 14-inch steel wheels in its most basic form, and customers can select one of four aluminium alloy wheel designs, ranging from 14-inch to 16-inch in diameter.

Inside the new Picanto, Kia designers have created a more modern, refined cabin than the second-generation model, with new materials and layout adding a greater sense of quality for occupants. The predominantly horizontal design adds greater visual width to the interior, highlighting the increased cabin dimensions.

Customisation is key to the appeal of the new Picanto's cabin. While black and grey cloth seats are available as standard, buyers can also personalise their new Picanto with one of five optional colour packs, featuring contrast artificial leather upholstery and stitching. Available at launch, these colour packs are:

The outgoing Kia Picanto won plaudits for its combination of immediate handling responses and a comfortable ride. Engineers have emulated these characteristics in the new model, while making a series of modifications to the suspension – independent by MacPherson strut at the front; torsion beam at the rear – to realise greater ride stability and quicker, more enjoyable handling responses.

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Ford Performance reveals next-gen Ford Fiesta ST

The third-generation Ford Fiesta ST

By James Parker

Ford Performance has announced the next generation Ford Fiesta ST, powered by an all-new three-cylinder, 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine.

Shown for the first time ahead of its global public debut at the Geneva Motor Show next week, the next-generation Fiesta ST will deliver 200PS, 290Nm of torque and anticipated 0-62mph acceleration in 6.7sec.

The third generation of Fiesta ST will be the first ever Ford Performance model powered by a three-cylinder engine, and the first Fiesta ST to feature selectable Drive Modes – enabling engine, steering and stability controls to be configured to Normal, Sport and Track settings for an optimised fun-to-drive experience in conditions from motorways to track days.

Drive Modes will also adjust Fiesta ST's Electronic Sound Enhancement (ESE) technology and active exhaust noise control valve to deliver an even more satisfying driving experience. The technologies amplify the naturally sporty sound of the new 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine that also features Ford's industry-first cylinder deactivation system for a three-cylinder engine, for further reduced CO2 emissions of an anticipated 114g/km.

Available from launch in early 2018 in both three-door and five-door bodystyles, the next generation Fiesta ST will be offered with a greater variety of interior trim and personalisation options than ever before, with bold and distinctive exterior styling that includes a unique race-car-inspired mesh grille and exclusive 18in alloy wheels.

It will be available in three and five-door styles

"Our next generation Fiesta ST is true to the philosophy of delivering cutting-edge technology to enhance every facet of the responsive Ford Performance chassis and powertrain," said Joe Bakaj, vice president, Product Development, Ford of Europe.

"With selectable Drive Modes and an all-new EcoBoost engine delivering an unprecedented combination of performance and fuel-efficiency, the new model will deliver the most versatile, fun, engaging and rewarding Fiesta ST driving experience yet."

Part of Ford's EcoBoost range of petrol engines that also includes the multi-award-winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost, the all-new 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine uses technology including turbocharging, high-pressure fuel injection and Twin-independent Variable Cam Timing to deliver optimised performance and fuel efficiency.

The engine's three-cylinder architecture delivers naturally high torque at low rpm. Performance is further boosted by a new turbocharger that uses an optimised turbine design to build boost pressure faster and minimise lag for a more responsive and fun driving experience.

A new combination of port fuel injection and direct fuel injection technology helps deliver high power and responsiveness alongside reduced CO2 emissions, with a particular increase in fuel efficiency under light engine loads.

Ford's new cylinder deactivation technology – first announced for the 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine and a world first for a three-cylinder engine – will further improve fuel efficiency for Fiesta ST customers without affecting performance by automatically stopping fuel delivery and valve operation for one of the engine's cylinders in conditions where full capacity is not needed, such as when coasting or cruising with light demand on the engine. The technology can disengage or re-engage one cylinder in 14 milliseconds – 20 times faster than the blink of an eye – to seamlessly deliver full performance on demand.

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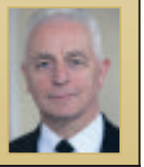

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PARK

James Gibson

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(Noch)

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ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

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John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance & Change, No. 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2DH

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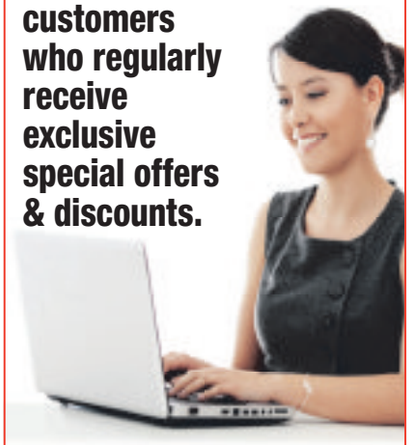

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Relegation fight aside Jones is back for talk

EVEN a survival mission at the edge of the Football League won't stop the first manager to take Wolves into the Premier League returning to Wolverhampton.

Dave Jones has a relegation fight on his hands after coming back into football with League Two strugglers Hartlepool United, writes Craig Birch.

The 60-year-old had been booked to appear at the Cleveland Arms Sports Bar, on Stowheath Lane, on Thursday March 30 before accepting the top job at the Victoria Ground.

But Jones has confirmed with organisers Sports Talk Events he will be in the Black Country as planned for the date, where he's set for a warm reception from a healthy pro-Wolves crowd.

Wolves legend Steve Bull will join him as a second special guest.

Jones was in charge at Molineux from January 2001 to November 2004. His crowning glory came in the 2003 Championship play-off final, where he masterminded Wolves' triumph and lifted the only trophy of his 20-year plus managerial career.

They emphatically defeated Sheffield United 3-0 through a first-half blitz at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

Trophies to hit road in cricket double promo

TROPHIES for the ICC Trophy and Women's World Cup are to hit the road ahead of this summer's cricketing tournaments.

Dates have been announced when they will take to the streets of the host cities. Sponsored by Nissan, the Trophy Tour will see both the ICC Champions Trophy and ICC Women's World Cup spend 31 days travelling around the seven cities. They will start in Taunton on May 2 and finish at The Oval on June 2 for England v Bangladesh. The tour will be in Birmingham from May 13-17.

ICC Chief Executive David Richardson said: "The Trophy Tour is the start of what will be a fantastic summer of cricket in the UK with two major back-to-back events – the ICC Champions Trophy followed by the ICC Women's World Cup."

The two trophies will visit schools, clubs, venues and landmarks throughout May. Full details of all the activities will be announced in the coming months.

Nissan Global Head of Marketing and Brand Strategy Roel de Vries added: "We partnered with the ICC to bring cricket fans closer to the excitement of the game."

I'm ready to bounce back, says Zaber

OLD HILL boxer Manny Zaber is ready to bounce back stronger as he returns to the ring on Saturday following a first career loss last time out.

Zaber suffered defeat at the hands of Josh Baillie in the first title bout of his pro career on November 19. The 22-year-old suffered a cut above his left eye, forcing his team to make the decision for him to retire in the fifth round.

The 'Pac Man' is set to return to the ring on March 4 at Walsall's Town Hall and insists he can't wait to get back in there.

"I'm ready to go now," he said. "I can't wait just to get back in the ring. .'

Saturday will mark Zaber's 10th fight since turning professional two years ago. He is joined by a host of Black Country boxers on BCB Promotions' No Guts, No Glory show.

Walsall super lightweight Luke Paddock headlines in an eight-round contest alongside Tipton's Ricky Summers,Wolverhampton bantamweight Kyle Williams also features.

There is also women's boxing on the card as West Bromwich welterweight Lauren Johnson makes her professional debut.

Harry Worrall has been refereeing junior football for over 40 years

Awards ceremony – Harry Worrall with Kelvin Brittain

Ref Harry has no plans to blow full-time whistle

HARRY WORRALL may have reached another impressive milestone, but he has no plans to blow the full-time whistle on his refereeing days.

The 78-year-old from Deansfield has been honoured by the Wolverhampton Referees' Association for 50 years sterling service and is determined to add a few more seasons to his tally.

Football League official Ray Olivier checked in at The Clarendon to present the award as Worrall joined Alex Hamil and John Kyte in an exclusive club with 50 years under their belts.

And Worrall is still going strong. He can be found calling the shots from the middle or chugging up and down touchlines across the Black Country in the Midland Junior League, Wolverhampton Sunday League and Bilston Youth Partnership.

And the 'old school' virtues are still very much on display. While some modern-day refs relish being in the spotlight, Worrall has always been happy to go unnoticed.

A quiet word here and there and a relaxed approach have served him well over the years, and helps ensure respect on both sides.

Respect

"I have really enjoyed it, and still do.That's why I carry on," said Worrall. "I am not as fit as I used to be, but I still get around and I have a lot of experience.

"I have had a bit of stick at times, but nothing major. It's all about man-management and how you talk to the players. You see the refs on the telly pointing their fingers and shouting 'come here' to the players. I never did that.I have a quiet word and talk to them in the right manner and sort things out. You have to talk to them properly to get their respect.

"I hadn't used to dish many cards out, in fact I haven't shown anyone a card for 20 years. The good refs are the ones that you don't notice."

Worrall first got the refereeing bug in English football's golden year, 1966, when he swapped playing for officiating.

"I used to play for Star Aluminium in the Wolverhampton Works League," he said. "I played at right-back and then ended up in goal! Someone mentioned

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By Nick Elwell

As long as I can get up and down the pitch, I will carry on."

that the league were struggling for referees, so I went along and took the course. Within three seasons I had got my Class One, which was the top rank.

"I have really enjoyed it and made some really good friends over the years. My only regret is that I didn't start at an earlier age. Who knows, I might have got to the very top if I had done?

"I intend to carry on as long as I can. I still think I have another two or three seasons left. As long as I can get up and down the pitch, I will carry on."

Worrall has plenty to be proud of during his whistle-blowing days with a day out at Wembley one of the many highlights, while he also caught an early glimpse of a talented youngster by the name of Wayne Rooney.

"I refereed the final of a Coca Cola Tournament at Wembley, but I can't remember the teams," said Worrall, who also officiated in a girls tournament in Minnesota as well as numerous local league finals.

"But I can remember taking charge of an England Schools game between Wolverhampton and Liverpool and Wayne Rooney played for Liverpool. I checked the name after the game because he played really well and looked a very good player.

"I refereed a Central League game at Wolves and Steve Bull played. He was facing a ban so he had a run out for the reserves against Peterborough and scored five times.

"I have had a laugh with him about that a few times over the years, he said it was the only time he scored five goals in a game. I was also the ref for former Wolves defender Frank Munro's testimonial."

Worrall is also a well-known figure around Molineux where he used to help in Wolves' press office on match-days.

"They used to call me Uncle Fester because I wore a big, long black coat," he joked. Not surprisingly Wolverhampton's most famous official Jack Taylor, who took charge of the 1974 World Cup final between West Germany and Holland, tops Worrall's list of best refs with another local ex-Football League man, Hamil, not far behind.

"I ran the line in a game once with Alex Hamil on the opposite side and Jack Taylor in the middle," said Worrall. "Jack was the best referee I have ever seen, number one for me.

"I got to know him quite well and he was a really nice, down-to-earth bloke. I still haven't seen a better ref than him. Alex was very good too, he had the players' respect and treated them with respect too"

Of the modern day officials, Andre Marriner gets a nod of approval from Worrall, but he is not too complimentary towards the pundits who sit in the studio.

"I do feel for the refs these days with everything being so analysed," added Worrall. "The pundits annoy me because they sit there in the studio and watch an incident over and over again from different camera angles and then slaughter the ref.

Difficult

"The ref only has a split-second to make a decision. People should have a go themselves and then they would realise just how difficult a job it is."

Worrall joins Hamil and Kyte as the exclusive members of the Wolverhampton Referees' Association's 50 club and is proud to be part of an elite group.

"It's a real honour to receive the award," he said. "And I am proud to be a member of the Wolverhampton RA, it's the biggest and best in the country with over 140 members.

"Quite a few family members were there to see me receive my award and Ray Olivier was brilliant. It was a nice night and a bit emotional."

WRA chairman Phil Reade was full of praise for his colleague's achievement.

"Harry is well liked by us all and what he has done is marvellous achievement," said Reade. "Ray Olivier said when he was on duty at Molineux, Harry always looked after him.

"It's unbelievable to still be refereeing at 78. He is one of those refs that says get on with it, it's a man's game. He used to man manage people really well."

Sport

Harry won't blow whistle on 50-year ref career

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Late drama brings vital three points

THE weekend belonged to Cannock Men's Hockey 1st team who earned a massive three points away at Leek winning 4-3 in the final minute thanks to a Harry Jawanda penalty stroke.

Cannock responded to going a goal down with a fantastic effort from homegrown forward Louie Morris. The hosts scored another to take a 2-1 lead, and Cannock stalwart Harry Jawanda found a second equaliser to make the half-time score 2-2. Leek scored to take the lead for a third and final time. Cannock bravely pushed on again and Will Fleet equalised to make it 3-3. The result saw Cannock take a giant leap towards safety.

Cannock's 2nds failed to get going at Leek 2nds and the hosts scored twice without reply.Cannock Men's 3rds went 2-0 down in the first half at home to Loughborough Students 3rds but pulled one back after the break through Callum Warren before conceding a third goal in the final 10 minutes. Full-time: 3-1.

After a slow start at Leek 4ths, Cannock 4ths went behind to an early goal but equalised through a penalty flick, confidentially taken by Lewis Micheal. The visitors conceded a second goal but scored an equaliser through George Collins. In the second half Cannock's third and winning goal came from another penalty flick converted by Chris Mayer.

Cannock 5ths won 5-2 at home to Sutton Coldfield 7ths, the 6ths beat Newport Fathoms 3-0 at Chase Park, and Badgers lost 6-1 at home to Telford Badgers.

Hayes floored in the 101st minute

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Midland League Division 1

THE Heath Hayes players have every right to feel disappointed after the unbeaten league leaders snatched victory in the 101st minute.

Hayes stunned the crowd of 944 with a dream start when Ryan Burns curled in a 25-yard effort which left home keeper Ali Brown grasping at thin air. The home side levelled on 42 minutes after a goalmouth scramble following a corner.

As expected Bromsgrove had most of the play in the second half but the visiting defence looked solid and their hard working front line always looked capable of causing an upset.

Then came the dramatic ending. The referee signalled six minutes of stoppage time and continued for a further five. A free kick was tossed into the box and Kyle Edwards pounced to fire home.

Scholars are beaten on their own patch

Chasetown 1 Stamford 2

STAMFORD scored a goal in each half to inflict a home defeat on the Scholars in Evo-Stik League Division One South.

The visitors took the lead in the 25th minute when Grant Ryan received the ball from Jake Duffy unmarked 12 yards out and fired beyond Curtis Pond.

Stamford doubled their lead a minute after the break. In the 88th minute, Jack Langston headed home from close range.

Mitch makes history for Great Wyrley club

Mitch Roberts and Chris Evans

A LITTLE bit of history was made on February 22 as Mitchell Roberts became the first Great Wyrley ABC boxer to turn professional.

Roberts, who turns 21 on Sunday, has signed contracts with the growing promotional outfit MTK Promotions formed by former British and European Middleweight Champion Mathew Macklin and will compete as a Featherweight (nine stone).

Mitch, along with his twin brother Reece, first walked through the doors of the Great Wyrley gym at the age of 13 and has proudly represented the club ever since.

BOXING

He will be trained by head coach Pete Hickenbottom and becomes the second professional fighter at the gym alongside 19-year-old Bloxwich Super-Bamtamweight James Beech Jr who made a successful professional debut two weeks ago.

Coach Pete Hickenbottom said: "Mitch came to us aged 13, knowing nothing about boxing and has continued through to the point where he is now. He is a very dedicated boxer and, along with James, I feel very privileged to be working with two very hard-working and talented fighters. They will hopefully bring each other on with their sparring and training."

Roberts and Beech are both to be sponsored by James Evans Financial Services and managing director Chris Evans has no doubts that both boxers can go far in the game.

PITMEN FAIL TO KEEP EARLY LEAD

Hednesford Town 1 Nantwich Town 2

HEDNESFORD Town came up second best in the Evo-Stik Premier clash against Nantwich Town, who recorded their first ever victory at Keys Park.

In a lively start to the game the visitors almost edged ahead inside the opening 60 seconds only for John Johnston to see his effort cleared off the line by Kyle Haynes.

It would in fact be the Pitmen that would strike first.

In the third minute when David McDermott picked up a loose ball in midfield before feeding Danny Glover, who went past one defender before firing home into the far corner.

Just 11 minutes later, Nantwich were level when a simple ball down the middle of the field caught out the Hednesford backline and former Pitmen player Tom Peers took his time before firing past Dan Crane.

Blocked

Hednesford had half a chance in the 39th minute but Nat Brown volleyed wide from the edge of the box before Johnston put an effort well over the bar on the stroke of half-time.

The second period started with Nantwich very much on the front foot and they almost found their way through in the 51st minute as a corner fell to Joe Mwaslie, but his fiercely struck effort was blocked before Matt Bell lifted an effort onto the Hednesford crossbar.

It came as no surprise when the visitors moved ahead in the 55th minute as Johnston again got to the byline and his cross into the box was turned into his own net by the unfortunate Haynes.

Things could have got worse for Hednesford in the 72nd minute when Peers broke the offside trap and with just Crane to beat the big goalkeeper stood firm to deny the striker.

The visitors looked more likely to add further goals to their tally as Crane had to twice deny Mwaslie in the space of a couple of minutes.

Hednesford Town: Crane, Haynes, Roberts, Thorley, Brown, Brenan, Washbourne (55), McNaught, Glover (Robinson 80), Clarke, McDermott (Mukendi 59). Subs not used: Ransome, Hutton. Attendance: 419.

Danny Glover celebrates his early goal for the Pitmen *Picture: Colin Rogers*

300 step out as road race returns to town

THREE hundred entrants pounded the streets in the Rugeley 10-mile race – the town's first road race in many years.

Organised and staffed by Rugeley Running Club, it proved a huge success. Many runners were from prestigious local clubs, with the male winner being from Birchfield Harriers.

The race saw runners starting on the Brereton Road being escorted spectacularly by the volunteers of the Staffordshire Blood Bikes on a sunny and mild day. The finish was at Redbrook Hayes School after the runners took in Longdon and Wandon crossroads on the way.

The winner Mathew Missen, aged 30, completed the race in a course record of 56min 43ses, astonishing everyone with his consistent sub-six minute miles.

The female winner Kristina Defries came in at 1hr 4min 31sec in eighth position overall.

The winners and the age group winners were presented with their trophies and rewards by race sponsor Phillip Dutton of Burton-on-Trent shop Running Form.

Second team display their fighting spirit

Burntwood 2nds 10
Stafford Development 22
Staffordshire 2nd Team League

BURNTWOOD'S second string competed well against a Stafford side which is vying for top spot in the competition.

It was Nick Peplow's side which took the lead on 26 minutes. A series of probing attacks saw the visitors concede penalties and from the last award Brett Taylor took a quick tap to catch the Stafford defence off guard to cross for a try.

Stafford held the advantage in the set scrums and used it to level the score on 35 minutes with a try from close range. Half-time: 5-5.

With the rain falling steadily, the error count mounted in the second half.

Both teams also made multiple changes to their line-ups which created a period of adjustment. It was broken when a Stafford back chipped through and was able to pick up on the run for a converted try after 54 minutes.

In the 69th minute a strong run by the Stafford backs earned a five-metre scrum from which No 8 and former Burntwood player Gareth Phillips stretched over to score a try. The hosts replied four minutes later by forcing a turnover which Taylor seized on for a try in the clubhouse corner.

A handling error in their own 22 sealed Burntwood's fate two minutes later. It led to a penalty against, which was fed to Phillips, who charged for the line and sucked in the defence before the ball was moved wide for a Stafford back to dummy and cross the line for the final score of an entertaining contest.

This Saturday Burntwood 1st XV resume league action with a trip to Handsworth. The 2nd XV host Handsworth 2nds for a Staffs 2nd Team League fixture and the 3rds travel to Shrewsbury for a merit table game. All kick-offs 3pm.

United come back after early mix-up

Cannock United 2 Whittington 1

THE visitors were a goal up after 10 minutes as a result of miscommunication between Tom Dyer and Ash Lowndes, who was in goal for Cannock for the first time this season.

Josh Bradley evened it up three minutes later as his pinpoint header found the bottom corner from a perfectly delivered free kick by Ben Redfern on 13 minutes. Man-of-the-match Josh Griffths passed the ball home on 36 minutes to make it 2-1. Both teams saw the half out without further incident.

There were several chances in the second half but nothing to note.

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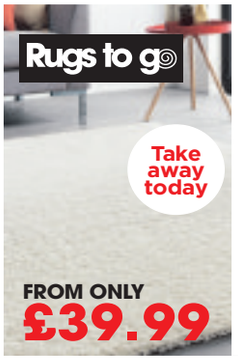

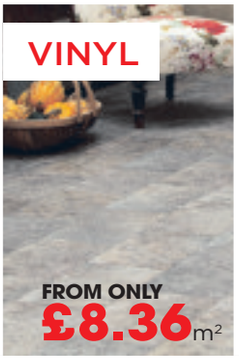

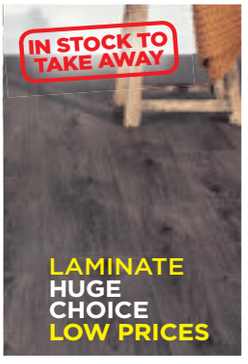

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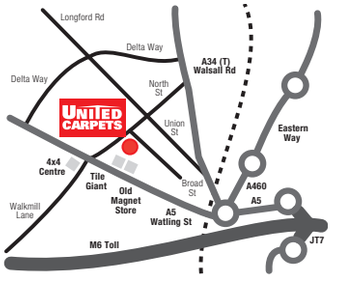
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